



Supt. Update 10-21-2021

Dear DCS Families, Students, and Staff,

As fall colors begin to show and the fall seasons wrap up, we want to thank everyone for helping keep our kids in school and with each other. It is great to see kids with their friends and our staff actively learning, laughing, and enjoying time together in our schools. Thank you for your continued support of Dexter Community Schools, the Dexter community, and our kids. Below is a series of updates:

Rivalry Match vs. Chelsea: The Educational Foundation of Dexter and the Chelsea Education Foundation are actively raising funds in the [Rivalry Match](#) campaign. The Rivalry Match wraps up tomorrow and current Chelsea is in the lead. Donations can be made in several ways. By smart phone, simply text the code DREADS to 44321 to donate. Or, visit www.efdexter.org/rivalry-match to view the campaign page. Or, cash and checks will be accepted at the October 22nd football game hosted at Al Ritt Stadium vs the school down the road. Please help us beat the school down the road while supporting DCS kids!

DCS State of the School District: Dexter Community Schools will be hosting a State of the School District Community Forum on Thursday, November 4th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will provide an overview of the school district programming, challenges, and discussion of opportunities. There will be a significant portion planned for community input. To register for the webinar, please visit [this link](#).

Career Technical Education (CTE) Opportunities Open House: Dexter Community Schools and five other Washtenaw County school districts offer CTE programming for high school students through the South & West Washtenaw Consortium (SWWC). Programs are hosted at schools throughout the consortium. To learn more about the opportunities available to our students, SWWC is hosting an open house on November 30th at 6:00 p.m. Information on the open house is [available by visiting this link](#). Participants in the open house will learn about programs currently available to DHS students. Since moving to the block schedule at DHS, we are actively working to create new programming and other course options for DHS students as soon as next fall. Details on those new courses will become available this winter as we work through our curriculum adoption process.

DCS is Hiring and Expanding Services: Dexter Community Schools currently has several opportunities available to help us increase services to our students. All [positions available](#) at DCS are posted [on our website](#).

- **DHS LifeSkills Classroom Teaching Assistant:** Dexter High School's high needs special education room is experiencing a critical shortage of classroom help. This classroom teaching assistant is a position working with teaching staff to support students in a variety of ways. We need caring, reliable, and flexible adults to provide a stable and engaging learning environment for these vulnerable students. If you would like to work with outstanding teachers, occupational therapists, and physical therapists to make a difference in these students' lives, please consider joining our team. [The position is posted and hired through the Washtenaw Intermediate School District](#), includes full benefits, and a competitive salary while working right here in Dexter.
- **Pupil Accounting and Data Specialist:** This position works through our technology department to support data systems, state reporting, and pupil accounting. Training is ongoing. The ideal candidate can work independently while providing support for building staff on data systems, spreadsheets, and state reporting.
- **District-wide Social Worker:** DCS is creating a district-wide social work position to bridge community resources for students/families and school supports. This position and support is part of our ongoing work to support student mental health as a community school district.
- **District-wide Counselor:** DCS currently offers counseling support at the building levels but is looking to bridge the transition from building to building for kids and families. If you are interested in the position or know someone who would be interested, please see the posting.

- **Social Worker for Anchor/Beacon:** DCS is hiring a social worker for Anchor and Beacon Elementary Schools to expand services for students beyond our current staffing levels.
- **Elementary Counselor for Anchor/Beacon:** DCS is hiring a counselor for Anchor and Beacon Elementary Schools to expand services for our youngest students.
- **Technology Specialist:** This position supports our Student Information System (Powerschool) and our Learning Management Systems (Canvas, Summit, SeeSaw) while training building staff on each system. Additionally, the position will create and support a student technology team comprised of DCS students who work to support district technology needs in the buildings and the CPA. The position is designed to support DCS strategic initiatives that will be described during the State of the School District Forum on November 4th. If you know someone with strong technical skills, effective communication skills, and who loves working with kids please send them our way or email hr@dexterschools.org.
- **Preschool positions, bus drivers, para educators, custodians, substitutes for anything...**if you love your community and love working with kids, please visit our [postings on our website](#) or email hr@dexterschools.org.

Thank you for your continued support, let's [beat that school down the road](#), and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD
Superintendent