



# DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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## DCS Closed Friday 1-7-22

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Thu, Jan 6, 2022 at 7:09 PM

January 6, 2022

Dear DCS Parents, Staff, and Students,

We are committed to fulfilling our promise of safe, in-person instruction for students this school year and have delivered on that promise all year. However, we cannot operate in-person instruction tomorrow at any level. **Dexter Community Schools, including preschool and programming at Bates/Jenkins, will be closed on Friday, January 7th. We will be back in session on Monday, January 10th. Classes on January 10th will be In-Person and on the normal daily schedule.**

Currently, we have 22 classrooms without teachers tomorrow at all levels from Jenkins/Bates through the high school. Meanwhile, we have 34 substitutes scheduled to fill in for other absences, 6 more staff out who do not require a substitute and 35 open positions we're still trying to hire and fill on a regular basis. We just don't have enough people to operate tomorrow.

In addition, we had over 550 students absent today for a variety of reasons. We know of 68 students (as of right now) who have tested positive for Covid-19 this week plus approximately 30 staff members who are either positive for Covid-19, have children who are positive, or are waiting on test results.

As a result, we will be closed on Friday for all ages. We will be back, in-person, on Monday, January 10th. On Friday, we'll work through plans and adjustments to make this possible. DCS does not plan to move remote unless we have no other option. MDHHS, MDE, and other public health experts have advised us to continue with in-person instruction. Schools should be the last places to close at this time and our kids need to be in school with their teachers and classmates.

High school after school activities will be notified by noon tomorrow if they will run after school.

We have been committed to keeping our kids in school and have been successful up to this point. We plan to continue on this promise but don't have enough staff to make this a possibility tomorrow.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD

Superintendent