



DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Superintendent Update May 16 2022

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Dear DCS Families, Students, and Staff,

Spring is here, the weather has been wonderful, and our kids are enjoying every minute of the remaining school year. The DCS campus is active every day, evening, and weekend with kids and adults enjoying the beautiful facilities our community continues to support and utilize. All that we do in this community would not be possible without the tremendous support of our staff, our families, volunteers throughout the community, and our taxpayers. Thank you for all you do to support the entire Dexter Community and our kids.

Below are a few updates from throughout the district:

The 2022-2023 school calendar is subject to negotiations with the teachers union and is not yet complete. However, we know many families are looking for dates to plan around for next year. The first day of school will likely be the day after Labor Day on Tuesday, September 6th. The winter and spring breaks are set for 5 years, by law, in the [county common calendar](#). Winter break will begin at the end of the day on Thursday, December 22nd and students will return to school on Monday, January 9, 2023. Spring break will begin at the end of the day on Friday, March 24, 2023 and students will return on Monday, April 3, 2023.

The DCS Board of Education approved offering two free activity camp experiences again this summer for all DCS students. The registration information was sent out over the weekend and registration can be completed at: <https://dexterschools.ce.eleyo.com>. DCS students can participate in up to two of the district-sponsored camps for free but can enroll in more for \$100 per experience. Free camp options are shorter in length and available for exploration of activities for our students. Other camps are available that are fee-based and which run longer throughout the summer.

In 2017, DCS voters approved a \$71.7 million bond proposal to fund DCS facilities updates, construction, and renovations. The bonds and bond projects were planned in two series. The first series consisted of the first \$54 million in projects. Once completed, DCS will sell the second series of bonds to fund the remaining projects. We structured the bond work in this two-series format to save taxpayer dollars and manage the funds over multiple years where we only sell the bonds for the funding we need when we need it for the specific projects. This structure saved taxpayers \$56.5 million beyond projected interest costs over the life of the bond approval. This evening, the DCS Board of Education will be asked to approve the final bids for a series of mechanical work (i.e., HVAC projects, etc) from Series 1 of the bond. This set of projects wraps up the Series 1 bond work. Prior to the passage of the bond, DCS shared the list of projects. Attached is a list of those originally planned projects and the status of each for anyone interested in how our plan for the use of funds has matched projects to date.


Thank you for your continued support, Go Dreads, and Beat Chelsea!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD

Superintendent

Attachments:

 [messages/attachments/634092098a83bfbc7a84e18f09ca1cc/DCS_2017_Bond_Plans_%26_Results__.pdf](#) (787.3 KB)

