



# DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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## Superintendent Update January 2023

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January 14, 2023

Dear DCS Parents,

The start of 2023 at DCS has been great! Kids and staff were in school this week with smiles on their faces, engaged in active learning every day and enjoying their extracurricular activities in our gyms, pools, and on our stages. Below are several updates for families:

**Remember that Monday, January 16th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.** Schools are closed so that families and staff can honor this great leader's legacy in whatever way you see fit. Looking ahead, January 26th and 27th are half days for students. If you need care for your Young 5 through 6th grade student, [register today](#) with Community Education.

**DreadWatch** Check out the [Fall 2022 Athletics newsletter, DreadWatch](#). Congratulations to all our athletes for your successes on and off the fields!

**What is school for?** DCS is committed to supporting all of our students and working in collaboration with our families to educate our students. Over the history of our school district, we often take a moment to step back and have deep conversations about our school district and what our kids need from us. **On Thursday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Mill Creek cafeteria**, we would like to have a community conversation to explore the question "What is school for?" The conversation will start by looking at a brief history of public education, current trends impacting education, and then focusing on what our community wants from our schools. This will likely take more than two meetings but we want to set up the first two dates for this deep conversation. We hope you can join us in a conversation about public education, in general, and specific to DCS.

**DCS needs some voluntary advice from a Structural Engineer:** Are any of our parents structural engineers? We could use a couple of hours of your time to provide us some advice on a potential project. If you are a structural engineer and would be willing to advise on a potential project, please email me at [timmisc@dexterschools.org](mailto:timmisc@dexterschools.org).

**U of M Digital Wellness Symposium for Middle School Students and Their Families** Middle school can be a time when kids are getting their first phones, texting, signing up for social media, and exploring the web on their own. Sometimes, online life is fun and rewarding, connecting us to our interests and the people we care about. At other times, it can feel overwhelming, addictive, or manipulative.

The past two years have reminded us of how much we rely on our devices. We want kids to thrive when they are online, and we want parents and caregivers to have confidence and tools for supporting that journey.

Parents of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, please consider joining this virtual event on Saturday, January 21st, from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. More information and a registration form are on [their website](#).

**Adult Education Opportunity** Michigan Reconnect provides free in-district tuition, mandatory fees, and contact hours for accepted and eligible applicants to pursue a Pell-eligible associate degree or skill certificate at any of Michigan's public community colleges. If you're 25 or older, and you've been thinking about going back to school to pursue your associate degree or a skills certificate, now might be the time. If you are interested in applying, have questions or want to learn more, visit <https://www.michigan.gov/reconnect/community-college>.

To be eligible, you must:

- Be at least 25 years old when you apply
- Have lived in Michigan for a year or more
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Have not yet completed a college degree (associate or bachelor's)

If you do not have a high school diploma or equivalent, visit [Michigan.gov/LearnMoreEarnMore](https://www.michigan.gov/LearnMoreEarnMore) to get started. **Have questions before you apply?** Visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to learn more about the program and what it offers.

Thank you for your continued support and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD

Superintendent

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