



DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Superintendent Update March 10 2023

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Dear DCS Parents, Staff, and Students,

We went to school 5 days in a row last week and are planning to finish this week strong!!!

DCS values our role as a community school district and works to partner with our parents on behalf of our students. Over the past couple of weeks, we've hosted incoming kindergarten information sessions, a science of reading community session, and the second community conversation session about the "What is school for?" where we are discussing the landscape of schools and what we need to provide for our Dexter students.

Your Input is Important: As part of this commitment to community dialogue, we're hosting a quick [Family Check-in](#) where we're asking parents to provide your thoughts and insights on what DCS is doing well and what DCS needs to improve. We're using ThoughtExchange so everyone has a chance to share their perspectives and understand what is most important to the entire community who participates in the exchange. We ask that you take 3-5 minutes to participate in this important opportunity to share your thoughts about DCS. Results will be shared after spring break. To participate in the survey and ThoughtExchange, please visit: <https://tejoin.com/scroll/788273133>.

Please Donate to Special Olympics Please support Special Olympics through donations to the Polar Plunge! Donations can be made to: <https://www.classy.org/team/472693>. Information on the Polar Plunge and how to support Special Olympics is included below.

Host Families Needed for 2023-2024 Every year, DHS and the Dexter community hosts students from around the world to learn alongside our students and form lifelong friendships. My own family hosted an international student several years ago and it was a tremendous experience. As part of the DHS international program, we work with various exchange support services to facilitate the exchange while supporting students and families. One of the organizations we've worked with for many years is [Educatus](#). [Educatus](#) is seeking local families to serve as host families for international students who will be studying at Dexter High School for the 2023-24 school year. [Educatus](#) currently has 8 students at DHS this year. [Educatus](#) provides host families a monthly stipend to offset the cost of hosting along with local and national support. They also offer a financial bonus if you refer a family who ends up hosting. If your family is interested in hosting a student or you know of a family who may be interested, please reach out to Jyl Nolan: jylnolan.educatus@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for your continued support and Go Dreads!

Sincerely,

Christopher Timmis, EdD

Superintendent

DHS TO TAKE THE PLUNGE!

Show your support!

Dexter High School students and staff will be 'plunging for a cause' on March 15th as they jump into freezing cold water for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge.



"The Polar Plunge is a series of events where people go to the extreme to support Special Olympics Michigan. Special Olympics Michigan is helping to create a world that accepts and welcomes every single person regardless of ability or disability." - *somi.org*

You can show your support for DHS students, staff, and all the exceptional athletes who participate in Special Olympics by donating to the DHS team!

All funds raised by Plungers help Special Olympics Michigan provide year-round training and services to over 22,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities across the state. The Polar Plunge also funds the Unified Champion Schools (a section of the Special Olympics), and as a Unified Champion School this will help fund DHS inclusive sports/peer programming!

Click on the link to donate: <https://www.classy.org/team/472693>.

If we reach \$5,000, Dr. Timmis will plunge!

