BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING PACKET

August 25, 2025

7:00pm

Bates Boardroom

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Our Vision:

Champion Learning –

Develop, Educate, and Inspire!

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025 – 7:00 P.M.
BATES BOARDROOM
2704 BAKER RD. DEXTER MI 48130
734-424-4100

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. The agenda reserves two periods for public participation and those wishing to receive a personal response from the board or superintendent must complete a public comment form available at the meeting entrance and on our website. Upon request to the Superintendent the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call

B. MEETING MINUTES (8/11/2025)

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS – none

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (up to ~30 minutes; max 5 per person)

F. ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES
1. Superintendent
2. Board President
3. Student Representatives

G. CONSENT ITEMS
1. Personnel - Resignation
2. July Budget Report

H. ACTION ITEMS
1. Dexter District Library Board of Trustees Appointment
2. Add IB Environmental Systems & Societies (ESS) HL 2
3. Geotechnical & Materials Testing Services Bid Approval
4. Surveying Services Bid Approval

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS –none planned

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (up to ~15 minutes; max 3 per person)

K. BOARD COMMENTS

L. INFORMATION ITEMS
1. Facility Committee Minutes (8/19/2025)

M. CLOSED SESSION – *none planned*

N. ADJOURNMENT

CALENDAR

*September 15, 2025 – Board Meeting 7:00pm Bates Boardroom
*October 6, 2025 – Board Meeting 7:00pm Bates Boardroom
*October 20, 2025 – Board Meeting 7:00pm Bates Boardroom

Public Participation Policy 2504: *Those interested in making a public comment will be asked to raise their hands so the time may be divided equally. Each speaker will be asked to announce his/her name and address and indicate if he/she represents any organization or agency. No person may speak more than once on the same subject during a single meeting.*

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTES
AUGUST 11, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

B. MEETING MINUTES

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the attached minutes from August 11, 2025 as presented/amended."

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board policy provides that the Superintendent of Schools shall prepare an agenda for all Board meetings as directed by the President of the Board of Education.

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented/amended."

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS – none

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (full guidelines at link)

Board Bylaw 2504 states that the BOE will have two opportunities for public participation at each meeting. The agenda reserves two periods for public participation and those wishing to receive a personal response from the board or superintendent must complete a public comment form available at the meeting entrance and on our website.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES

1. Superintendent
2. Board President
3. Student Representatives

G. CONSENT ITEMS

Consent items are typically approved in bulk.

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the consent items in bulk."

1. Personnel - Resignation

This evening's packet a resignation letter from Timothy Bernhardt.

* *If separated, an appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education accept Timothy Bernhardt's resignation."*

2. July Budget Report

The packet includes summary financial information for the month of July.

* *If separated, an appropriate resolution might be, "I move that the Board of Education receive the July 2025 budget report.*

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Dexter District Library Board of Trustees Appointment
Teacher Cassy Korinek has served as the DCS representative for many years. She is willing to continue after her current term expires on September 30, 2025.

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education appoint Cassy Korinek to serve as DCS representative on the Dexter District Library Board of Trustees through September 30, 2029."

2. Add IB Environmental Systems & Societies (ESS) HL 2
Your packet includes a recommendation from Assistant Superintendent Ryan Bruder regarding a proposal to expand **IB Environmental Systems & Societies (ESS)** to **IB Environmental Systems & Societies (ESS) Higher Level (HL)**. Mr. Bruder will explain the reasoning and answer any questions.

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education approve the addition of IB Environmental Studies (ESS) Higher Level 2 to the course catalog starting Fall 2025."

3. Geotechnical & Materials Testing Services Bid Approval
Your packet includes a bid summary and recommendation letter from Granger regarding the RFP for Geotechnical & Material Testing Services.

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education award the Geotechnical & Materials Testing professional services contract to G2 Consulting for a base bid of $130,241 with alternates of up to $30,000 for a total amount not to exceed $160,241 with funds from the 2025 bond, and assign it to Granger for management."

4. Surveying Services
On August 19th, the facilities committee approved bringing the Surveying Services bids forward at the 8/25/2025 meeting. Bids for the Surveying Services RFP are due Monday August 25th by 2:00pm. These will be compiled and a recommendation will be ready for the Board.

* An appropriate motion might be, "I move that the Board of Education award the Surveying Services bid to _____ for a total amount not to exceed $_____, with funds from the 2025 bond, and assign it to Granger for management."

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS – none planned

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

K. BOARD COMMENTS

L. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Facility Committee Minutes (8/19/2025)
2. Back-to-School Wayfinder

M. CLOSED SESSION – none planned

N. ADJOURNMENT

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00pm

Roll Call

Members Present: Daniel Alabré, Elise Bruderly, Michael Cipolla, Amy Reiser, Melanie Szawara; Student Representative Claire Beneteau
Members Absent: Brian Arnold, Jennifer Kangas; Student Representative Lloyd Brand
Administrative & Supervisory Staff: Ryan Bruder, Christie Bueche, Chris Timmis, Hope Vestergaard
DEA: none
Press: Jackie Smith (MLive)
Guests: The Bruder Family

B. MEETING MINUTES

Melanie Szawara made a motion that the Board of Education approve the meeting minutes from July 14, 15, 16, 21, and 22, 2025 as presented. Michael Cipolla seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous**).

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Michael Cipolla made a motion that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented. Daniel Alabré seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous**).

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS – none

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

F. ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES

1. Superintendent Update

   Dr. Timmis noted that the Admin Retreat took place earlier in the day; new teacher orientation is next Thursday; fall hiring is almost complete; DHS athletics have started up; the Al Ritt Scoreboard is up; bond construction planning is moving along.
2. Board President Update - none
3. Student Representatives Update

   Claire Beneteau shared that the Seniors parking spot painting is progressing and they look great; class schedules will be available August 18th; NHS is gearing up for volunteer events.

G. CONSENT ITEMS

Melanie Szawara made a motion that the Board of Education approve the consent items in bulk. Daniel Alabré seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

1. Personnel - New Hire
   - The Board of Education offered Logan Markko a probationary teaching contract for the 2025-2025 school year.

2. Personnel - Requirements and Resignations
   - The Board of Education acknowledged Deb Marsh's retirement.
   - The Board of Education accepted Kalli Nowitzke's resignation.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Superintendent Contract
   Melanie Szawara made a motion that the Board of Education approve the attached contract between the Board of Education and Ryan Bruder as Superintendent beginning March 1, 2026. Daniel Alabré seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote**. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

2. Assistant Superintendent Contract
   Michael Cipolla made a motion that the Board of Education approve the attached Assistant Superintendent Contract for Ryan Bruder [effective immediately]. Melanie Szawara seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous).**

   Mr. Bruder signed the contracts with Board President Elise Bruderly.

3. Bond Resolution
   Melanie Szawara made a motion that the Board of Education authorize the purchase of equipment outlined from Imperial Dade for a total amount not to exceed $115,146.88, with funds coming from the 2017 Bond. Michael Cipolla seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous).**

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS – none

J. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

K. BOARD COMMENTS

1. Melanie Szawara recognized Deb Marsh's long career with Dexter Community Schools.
2. Daniel Alabré also recognized Deb Marsh's career and noted her contributions to many programs including IB, AP, and Debate. He congratulated Ryan Bruder on his promotion.
3. Elise Bruderly also congratulated Mr. Bruder.
4. Dr. Timmis noted that the Senior Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony would be Saturday [August 16] at 10am.

L. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Finance Minutes (6/23/2025 & 7/21/2025)
2. Facility Minutes (7/15/2025)
3. MASB Call for Delegates - October 23, 2025 Assembly

At approximately 7:20pm, Melanize Szawara made a motion that the Board of Education move into closed session for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent's Quarterly evaluation following a five-minute break. Michael Cipolla seconded the motion. **Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried (unanimous).**

M. CLOSED SESSION *per MC 15L268(a)*

1. Superintendent's Quarterly Evaluation

At approximately 8:04pm, the Board returned to open session.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 8:05pm, President Elise Bruderly adjourned the meeting.

MINUTES/hlv

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Daniel Alabré
Secretary, Board of Education

Barb Leonard <leonardb@dexterschools.org>

Resignation for 2025-2026 School Year

1 message

Timothy Bernhardt <bernhardtt@dexterschools.org> Mon, Aug 18, 2025 at 2:27 AM
To: Barb Leonard <leonardb@dexterschools.org>
Cc: Tammy Reich <reicht@dexterschools.org>

Dear Ms. Leonard,

I recently accepted a position to teach elsewhere for the 2025-2026 school year. Therefore, I am resigning from my current position as special education teacher at Dexter Community Schools for the 2025-2026 school year.

I appreciate the support from Dexter Community Schools over these past three years. I apologize for the timing as the school year is beginning soon.

I am currently traveling with limited connectivity, so if you require a more formal resignation letter, I can provide that when I return. I wanted to let DCS know as soon as possible though to give you every opportunity to find a quality replacement.

Let me know if you need additional information from me or you require specific forms to be filled out.

Sincerely,
Timothy Bernhardt

Board Monthly Financial Report

Fiscal Year to Date 07/31/25

Sub Function Code	Adopted Budget	Current Month Actual	Actual FYTD	Adopted Budget - Actual	Encumbrances	% Rec'd/Spent	Prior Year FYTD
Fund(COA) **11 - General Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	7,205,242.00	79,286.24	79,286.24	7,125,955.76	.00	1	83,943.16
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$7,205,242.00	$79,286.24	$79,286.24	$7,125,955.76	$0.00	1%	$83,943.16
Function Code **R200 - Non-Education Sources - 200**							
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **R200 - Non-Education Sources - 200** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300**							
	35,415,810.00	583,828.34	583,828.34	34,831,981.66	.00	2	1,537,506.49
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300** Totals	$35,415,810.00	$583,828.34	$583,828.34	$34,831,981.66	$0.00	2%	$1,537,506.49
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400**							
	891,337.00	.00	.00	891,337.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400** Totals	$891,337.00	$0.00	$0.00	$891,337.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500**							
	7,671,182.00	2,122.50	2,122.50	7,669,059.50	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500** Totals	$7,671,182.00	$2,122.50	$2,122.50	$7,669,059.50	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600**							
	475,626.00	.00	.00	475,626.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600** Totals	$475,626.00	$0.00	$0.00	$475,626.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$51,659,197.00	$665,237.08	$665,237.08	$50,993,959.92	$0.00	1%	$1,621,449.65
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **100 - Instruction**							
Sub Function Code 110 - Basic Functions - 110	24,328,564.00	28,067.20	28,067.20	24,300,496.80	14,218.41	0	147,506.38
Sub Function Code 120 - Added Needs - 120	7,635,019.00	14,353.76	14,353.76	7,620,665.24	.00	0	32,987.35
Function Code **100 - Instruction** Totals	$31,963,583.00	$42,420.96	$42,420.96	$31,921,162.04	$14,218.41	0%	$180,493.73
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services**							
Sub Function Code 210 - Support Services-Pupil - 210	6,441,905.00	27,345.18	27,345.18	6,414,559.82	.00	0	12,282.45
Sub Function Code 220 - Support Services-Instructional - 220	3,027,357.00	353,099.35	353,099.35	2,674,257.65	150,159.72	12	300,253.21
Sub Function Code 230 - Support Services-Administration - 230	851,663.00	108,652.53	108,652.53	743,010.47	15,675.00	13	82,566.20
Sub Function Code 240 - Support Services-School Admin - 240	2,953,617.00	120,479.25	120,479.25	2,833,137.75	.00	4	121,718.16
Sub Function Code 250 - Support Services-Business - 250	873,226.00	59,140.87	59,140.87	814,085.13	.00	7	59,793.90
Sub Function Code 260 - Operations and Maintenance - 260	5,433,677.00	344,503.65	344,503.65	5,089,173.35	150,838.53	6	312,683.84
Sub Function Code 270 - Pupil Transportation - 270	2,079,830.00	102,214.81	102,214.81	1,977,615.19	20,949.21	5	110,015.56
Sub Function Code 280 - Support Services-Central - 280	683,821.00	62,732.40	62,732.40	621,088.60	.00	9	44,828.77
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services** Totals	$22,345,096.00	$1,178,168.04	$1,178,168.04	$21,166,927.96	$337,622.46	5%	$1,044,142.09
Function Code **300 - Community Services**							
Sub Function Code 300 - Community Services - 300	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 320 - Community Recreation - 320	266,254.00	11,600.16	11,600.16	254,653.84	6,991.00	4	1,062.44
Sub Function Code 330 - Community Activities - 330	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 350 - Care of Children - 350	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 360 - Welfare Activities - 360	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 370 - Non Public School Pupils - 370	7,674.00	.00	.00	7,674.00	.00	0	.00
Sub Function Code 390 - Other Community Services - 390	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **300 - Community Services** Totals	$273,928.00	$11,600.16	$11,600.16	$262,327.84	$6,991.00	4%	$1,062.44
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments**							
Sub Function Code 400 - Other Government Agencies - 400	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00

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Sub Function Code	Adopted Budget	Current Month Actual	Actual FYTD	Adopted Budget - Actual	Encumbrances	% Rec'd/Spent	Prior Year FYTD
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses**							
Sub Function Code 500 - Debt Service - 500	26,524.00	.00	.00	26,524.00	.00	0	.00
Sub Function Code 600 - Fund Modifications - 600	985,263.00	.00	.00	985,263.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses** Totals	$1,011,787.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,011,787.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$55,594,394.00	$1,232,189.16	$1,232,189.16	$54,362,204.84	$358,831.87	2%	$1,225,698.26
Fund(COA) **11 - General Fund** Totals	($3,935,197.00)	($566,952.08)	($566,952.08)	($3,368,244.92)	($358,831.87)	14%	$395,751.39



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Sub Function Code	Adopted Budget	Current Month Actual	Actual FYTD	Adopted Budget - Actual	Encumbrances	% Rec'd/Spent	Prior Year FYTD
Fund(COA) **23 - Community Service Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	2,893,890.00	295,519.69	295,519.69	2,598,370.31	.00	10	304,701.14
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$2,893,890.00	$295,519.69	$295,519.69	$2,598,370.31	$0.00	10%	$304,701.14
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300**							
	59,345.00	.00	.00	59,345.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300** Totals	$59,345.00	$0.00	$0.00	$59,345.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400**							
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500**							
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600**							
	984,263.00	.00	.00	984,263.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600** Totals	$984,263.00	$0.00	$0.00	$984,263.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$3,937,498.00	$295,519.69	$295,519.69	$3,641,978.31	$0.00	8%	$304,701.14
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **100 - Instruction**							
Sub Function Code 110 - Basic Functions - 110	167,055.00	2,506.65	2,506.65	164,548.35	.00	2	3,384.19
Function Code **100 - Instruction** Totals	$167,055.00	$2,506.65	$2,506.65	$164,548.35	$0.00	2%	$3,384.19
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services**							
Sub Function Code 210 - Support Services-Pupil - 210	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 220 - Support Services-Instructional - 220	12,005.00	.00	.00	12,005.00	.00	0	.00
Sub Function Code 240 - Support Services-School Admin - 240	2,767.00	.00	.00	2,767.00	.00	0	.00
Sub Function Code 250 - Support Services-Business - 250	2,235.00	.00	.00	2,235.00	.00	0	.00
Sub Function Code 260 - Operations and Maintenance - 260	62,808.00	2,022.21	2,022.21	60,785.79	3,434.81	3	3,896.43
Sub Function Code 270 - Pupil Transportation - 270	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 290 - Support Services-Other - 290	1,765,221.00	42,426.48	42,426.48	1,722,794.52	275.00	2	33,813.87
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services** Totals	$1,845,036.00	$44,448.69	$44,448.69	$1,800,587.31	$3,709.81	2%	$37,710.30
Function Code **300 - Community Services**							
Sub Function Code 310 - Community Services Direction - 310	306,335.00	18,761.28	18,761.28	287,573.72	.00	6	20,102.49
Sub Function Code 320 - Community Recreation - 320	227,139.00	9,218.95	9,218.95	217,920.05	5,398.72	4	11,516.94
Sub Function Code 350 - Care of Children - 350	1,138,107.00	89,707.80	89,707.80	1,048,399.20	.00	8	85,306.81
Sub Function Code 390 - Other Community Services - 390	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **300 - Community Services** Totals	$1,671,581.00	$117,688.03	$117,688.03	$1,553,892.97	$5,398.72	7%	$116,926.24
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments**							
Sub Function Code 400 - Other Government Agencies - 400	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses**							
Sub Function Code 600 - Fund Modifications - 600	190,345.00	.00	.00	190,345.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses** Totals	$190,345.00	$0.00	$0.00	$190,345.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$3,874,017.00	$164,643.37	$164,643.37	$3,709,373.63	$9,108.53	4%	$158,020.73
Fund(COA) **23 - Community Service Fund** Totals	$63,481.00	$130,876.32	$130,876.32	($67,395.32)	($9,108.53)	206%	$146,680.41



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Sub Function Code	Adopted Budget	Current Month Actual	Actual FYTD	Adopted Budget - Actual	Encumbrances	% Rec'd/Spent	Prior Year FYTD
Fund(COA) **25 - School Lunch Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	371,528.00	5,694.55	5,694.55	365,833.45	.00	2	5,447.63
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$371,528.00	$5,694.55	$5,694.55	$365,833.45	$0.00	2%	$5,447.63
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300**							
	1,524,002.00	.00	.00	1,524,002.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300** Totals	$1,524,002.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,524,002.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400**							
	610,512.00	.00	.00	610,512.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400** Totals	$610,512.00	$0.00	$0.00	$610,512.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500**							
	257,500.00	.01	.01	257,499.99	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R500 - ISD / Other Sources - 500** Totals	$257,500.00	$0.01	$0.01	$257,499.99	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$2,763,542.00	$5,694.56	$5,694.56	$2,757,847.44	$0.00	0%	$5,447.63
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services**							
Sub Function Code 210 - Support Services-Pupil - 210	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Sub Function Code 260 - Operations and Maintenance - 260	4,975.00	2,241.80	2,241.80	2,733.20	.00	45	2,029.44
Sub Function Code 290 - Support Services-Other - 290	2,847,834.00	41,141.26	41,141.26	2,806,692.74	1,063,454.15	1	31,831.55
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services** Totals	$2,852,809.00	$43,383.06	$43,383.06	$2,809,425.94	$1,063,454.15	2%	$33,860.99
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments**							
Sub Function Code 400 - Other Government Agencies - 400	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses**							
Sub Function Code 600 - Fund Modifications - 600	285,281.00	.00	.00	285,281.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses** Totals	$285,281.00	$0.00	$0.00	$285,281.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$3,138,090.00	$43,383.06	$43,383.06	$3,094,706.94	$1,063,454.15	1%	$33,860.99
Fund(COA) **25 - School Lunch Fund** Totals	($374,548.00)	($37,688.50)	($37,688.50)	($336,859.50)	($1,063,454.15)	10%	($28,413.36)



Board Monthly Financial Report

Fiscal Year to Date 07/31/25

Sub Function Code	Adopted Budget	Current Month Actual	Actual FYTD	Adopted Budget - Actual	Encumbrances	% Rec'd/Spent	Prior Year FYTD
Fund(COA) **27 - Cooperative Activities Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	2,361,462.00	207,257.64	207,257.64	2,154,204.36	.00	9	271.06
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$2,361,462.00	$207,257.64	$207,257.64	$2,154,204.36	$0.00	9%	$271.06
Function Code **R200 - Non-Education Sources - 200**							
	155,708.00	.00	.00	155,708.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R200 - Non-Education Sources - 200** Totals	$155,708.00	$0.00	$0.00	$155,708.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300**							
	8,500,000.00	.00	.00	8,500,000.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R300 - State Sources - 300** Totals	$8,500,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$8,500,000.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400**							
	1,050,000.00	.00	.00	1,050,000.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R400 - Federal Sources - 400** Totals	$1,050,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,050,000.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600**							
	127,500.00	.00	.00	127,500.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **R600 - In from other Funds - 600** Totals	$127,500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$127,500.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$12,194,670.00	$207,257.64	$207,257.64	$11,987,412.36	$0.00	2%	$271.06
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **300 - Community Services**							
Sub Function Code 300 - Community Services - 300	2,865,768.00	285,517.77	285,517.77	2,580,250.23	53,152.73	10	18,077.82
Sub Function Code 390 - Other Community Services - 390	716,060.00	27,050.12	27,050.12	689,009.88	608.74	4	.00
Function Code **300 - Community Services** Totals	$3,581,828.00	$312,567.89	$312,567.89	$3,269,260.11	$53,761.47	9%	$18,077.82
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments**							
Sub Function Code 400 - Other Government Agencies - 400	8,357,842.00	10,104.62	10,104.62	8,347,737.38	.00	0	.00
Function Code **400 - Facilities Construction & Other Payments or Adjustments** Totals	$8,357,842.00	$10,104.62	$10,104.62	$8,347,737.38	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses**							
Sub Function Code 600 - Fund Modifications - 600	127,500.00	.00	.00	127,500.00	.00	0	.00
Function Code **500-600 - Other Financing Uses** Totals	$127,500.00	$0.00	$0.00	$127,500.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$12,067,170.00	$322,672.51	$322,672.51	$11,744,497.49	$53,761.47	3%	$18,077.82
Fund(COA) **27 - Cooperative Activities Fund** Totals	$127,500.00	($115,414.87)	($115,414.87)	$242,914.87	($53,761.47)	-91%	($17,806.76)



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Sub Function Code	Adopted Budget	Current Month Actual	Actual FYTD	Adopted Budget - Actual	Encumbrances	% Rec'd/Spent	Prior Year FYTD
Fund(COA) **29 - Student/School Activity Fund**							
Account Type **Revenue**							
Function Code **<N/A> - <No Function defined>**							
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **<N/A> - <No Function defined>** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	2,289,598.00	128,491.85	128,491.85	2,161,106.15	.00	6	149,936.65
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$2,289,598.00	$128,491.85	$128,491.85	$2,161,106.15	$0.00	6%	$149,936.65
Account Type **Revenue** Totals	$2,289,598.00	$128,491.85	$128,491.85	$2,161,106.15	$0.00	6%	$149,936.65
Account Type **Expense**							
Function Code **<N/A> - <No Function defined>**							
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **<N/A> - <No Function defined>** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100**							
	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	+++	.00
Function Code **R100 - Local Sources - 100** Totals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	+++	$0.00
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services**							
Sub Function Code 290 - Support Services-Other - 290	2,289,598.00	7,630.49	7,630.49	2,281,967.51	.00	0	11,883.04
Function Code **200 - Supporting Services** Totals	$2,289,598.00	$7,630.49	$7,630.49	$2,281,967.51	$0.00	0%	$11,883.04
Account Type **Expense** Totals	$2,289,598.00	$7,630.49	$7,630.49	$2,281,967.51	$0.00	0%	$11,883.04
Fund(COA) **29 - Student/School Activity Fund** Totals	$0.00	$120,861.36	$120,861.36	($120,861.36)	$0.00	+++	$138,053.61
Grand Totals	($4,118,764.00)	($468,317.77)	($468,317.77)	($3,650,446.23)	($1,485,156.02)	11%	$634,265.29

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August 18, 2025

Dr. Chris Timmis
Superintendent of Schools
Dexter Community Schools
2704 Baker Road
Dexter, MI 48130

Re: Dexter Community Schools 2025 Bond Project
Contract Recommendation
RFP 2 Geotechnical & Materials Testing Services

Dear Dr. Timmis:

Proposals for the Geotechnical & Materials Testing Services RFP were received on behalf of Dexter Community Schools (DCS) Monday, August 18th. A tabulation of the bids received is attached for your reference.

We have reviewed the proposals, spoken with the bidders, and are recommending the second lowest responsive bidder based on the delivery timeline for geotechnical design and ability to perform borings before the start of school. The recommended alternate is an allowance that the other bidders included in their base bid and is included for comparative bids.

Pending final review of financial and other qualification criteria, Granger recommends that DCS award the Professional Services Agreement as indicated below and assign it to Granger for management.

Work	Contractor	Base Bid	Recommended Alternates	Recommended Contract
Geotechnical & Materials Testing	G2 Consulting	$130,241	$30,000	$160,241

We request that the Board of Education consider and take action on the contract recommendation above at the meeting scheduled for August 25, 2025. Please feel free to contact me at (734) 904-1169 if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,
GRANGER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Gregory Brand, P.E.
Senior Project Manager

att: Bid tabulation form

cc: C. Bueche, DCS
J. Tuley, GCC
M. Lancaster, TMP

HEADQUARTERS
6267 Aurelius Rd
Lansing, MI 48911-4230

517.393.1670 P
517.393.1382 F

WEST MICHIGAN
940 Monroe Ave NW, Ste 142
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

616.454.2900 P
616.454.9700 F

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
39475 13 Mile Rd, Ste 204
Novi, MI 48377

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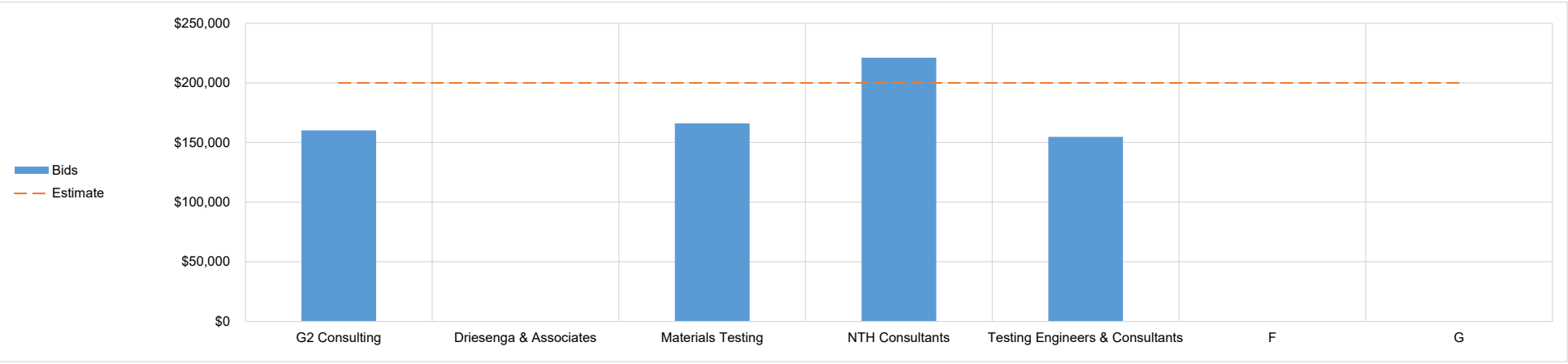
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NAME	VERSION
Bid Tabulation Form	6
NUMBER	DATE REVISED
BP006FR	12/15/2021

CATEGORY: RFP 02 Series 1 Geotechnical and Materials Testing

JOB NUMBER:	2262-00	**ESTIMATE**	$200,000
CLIENT:	Dexter Community Schools	**APPARENT LOW BID**	$154,725
BUILDING:	High School and Wylie Additions and Athletic Building	**APPARENT LOW BIDDER**	Engineers & Consultants
DELIVERY:	CM	**VARIANCE FROM ESTIMATE**	-$45,275
ARCHITECT:	TMP	**VARIANCE FROM ESTIMATE (%)**	-22.64%
BID DATE:	8/18/2025		

	G2 Consulting	Driesenga & Associates	Materials Testing	NTH Consultants	Testing Engineers & Consultants	F	G
BASE BID	$130,241	Provided hourly rate only	$166,098	$221,099	$154,725		
P&P BOND	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
ADDENDUMS	Acknowledged	n/a	Acknowledged	Acknowledged	Acknowledged		
BREAKOUT PRICING							
1 Soil Borings	$22,725		$22,400	$25,525	$20,975		
2 Construction Testing	$107,516		$113,698	$165,574	$103,750		
3 Allowance	$0		$30,000	$30,000	$30,000		
VOLUNTARY ALTERNATES							
1 Include allowance (added by Granger)	$30,000						
GEOTECH TIMELINE							
1 Preliminary report	Within 2 weeks		Within 3 weeks	Within 4 weeks	Within 5 weeks		
2 Final report	1 week after comments		1 week after comments	2 days after comments	2 weeks after comments		
BASE BID + ALTERNATES TOTAL :	**$160,241**	**No bid**	**$166,098**	**$221,099**	**$154,725**		



Facility Committee Minutes
August 19, 2025
8:00 A.M.
Bates Board Room

In attendance: Chris Timmis (Superintendent), Elise Bruderly (BOE Committee Member), Brian Arnold (BOE Committee Member), Mike Cipolla (BOE Committee Member), Greg Brand (Granger Construction), Christie Bueche (CFO), Ryan Bruder (Executive Director Instruction), Brian Schuler (Facilities Director)

Meeting Start 8:00 a.m.

1. Approval of Agenda: **Motion:** Elise Bruderly **2nd:** Brian Arnold - Unanimous
2. Approval of Minutes: **Motion:** Elise Bruderly **2nd:** Mike Cipolla - Unanimous
2. Public Participation - None
3. Discussion:
    A. Preview of conceptual drawings
        a. DHS Entrance
        b. Wylie Addition
4. Action:
    A. Recommendation of Survey Bids to Board - **Recommend to move bids to the full Board. Motion:** Brian Arnold **2nd:** Mike Cipolla **-** Unanimous
    B. Recommendation of Geotechnical/materials bids to Board - **Granger recommends Geotechnical & Materials Testing based on the bids submitted for professional services. Recommend to move bid to full Board. Motion:** Mike Cipolla **2nd:** Elise Bruderly - Unanimous
    C. Set Next Meeting Date/Time in August: **September 9, 2025 - 8am**
    D. Determine Update to Board at next scheduled meeting - **Elise/Chris**
5. Adjourn

DCS WAYFINDER

BACK TO SCHOOL / AUGUST 2025

Champion Learning: Develop, Educate, and INSPIRE!



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IMPORTANT INFO AND WHERE TO FIND IT

A QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

DCS BUILDING INFORMATION

DCS District Administration
Bates School | 2704 Baker Rd.
734-424-4100 | info@dexterschools.org
8:00am-4:00pm

Dexter High School
2200 N. Parker Rd.
734-424-4240 | dhs.dexterschools.org
8:00am-2:53pm | half-days 8:00am-11:25am

Dexter Alternative School
Louie Ceriani Building | 8100 Shield Rd.
734-424-4240 x. 1705 |
dhs.dexterschools.org/academics
T, W, Th 8:30am-2:30pm; half days 8:30am-11:11am
(M & F are virtual or by appt.)

Mill Creek Middle School
7305 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd.
734-424-4150 | millcreek.dexterschools.org
8:14am-3:07pm | half-days 8:14am-11:40am

Creekside Intermediate School
2615 Baker Rd.
734-424-4160 | creekside.dexterschools.org
8:00am-2:53pm | half-days 8:00am-11:25am

Wylie Elementary
3060 Kensington St.
734-424-4140 | wylie.dexterschools.org
8:14am-3:07pm | half-days 8:14am-11:40am

Dexter Early Elementary Complex
Anchor Wing
7480 Dan Hoey Rd., Bldg. A
734-424-4120 | deec.dexterschools.org
8:14am-3:07pm | half-days 8:14am-11:40am

Dexter Early Elementary Complex
Beacon Wing
7480 Dan Hoey Rd., Bldg. B
734-424-4130 | deec.dexterschools.org
8:14am-3:07pm; half-days 8:14am-11:40am

Jenkins Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC)
2801 Baker Rd.
734-424-4180 | jenkins.dexterschools.org
7:00am-6:00pm

SEE PAGE 6 FOR EACH BUILDING'S PROCEDURE TO REPORT STUDENT ABSENCES.



WELCOME BACK!



Dear DCS Students and Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you enjoyed a restful summer and are ready for another year of learning, growth, and connection. Our staff has been working hard to prepare safe, inclusive, and engaging spaces where every student can thrive. Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, know that we are here to support you every step of the way.

This year will be my last as Dexter's superintendent before I retire in February 2026. Serving Dexter Community Schools since 2013—and working in education for over 30 years—has been an honor and a joy. Together, we've built a district recognized statewide for innovation, collaboration, and the heart of a true community school.

I'm pleased to welcome Ryan Bruder as our Assistant Superintendent this year and the next superintendent when I step down. Over the coming months, we will work side by side to ensure a smooth and successful transition.

As we begin the year, I encourage you to get involved in school activities, connect with our staff, and embrace the many opportunities ahead. Let's make this a year of great learning, strong relationships, and plenty of Dreadnaught pride.

Thank you for your trust, support, and commitment to our students. Go Dreads—and, beat Chelsea!

With gratitude,
Christopher Timmis, EdD
Superintendent



Dear DCS Students and Families,

It is an honor to introduce myself as the future superintendent of the Dexter Community Schools. As a Dexter graduate, district leader, and parent, this opportunity is both deeply personal and professionally meaningful to me. I am excited to serve our students, staff, families, and community in this new role.

Dexter Community Schools—and the broader Dexter community—have shaped who I am as a learner, educator, leader, and person. Through these experiences, I have learned to lead with integrity, clarity and conviction. Relationships are deeply important to me, and I am committed to staying present in the community and engaging in open dialogue to better understand its needs.

I am excited to continue our legacy of excellence, innovation, and care. My focus will remain squarely on providing exceptional educational experiences for every student, ensuring that our decisions are student-centered as we work together to *Champion Learning: Develop, Educate and Inspire.*

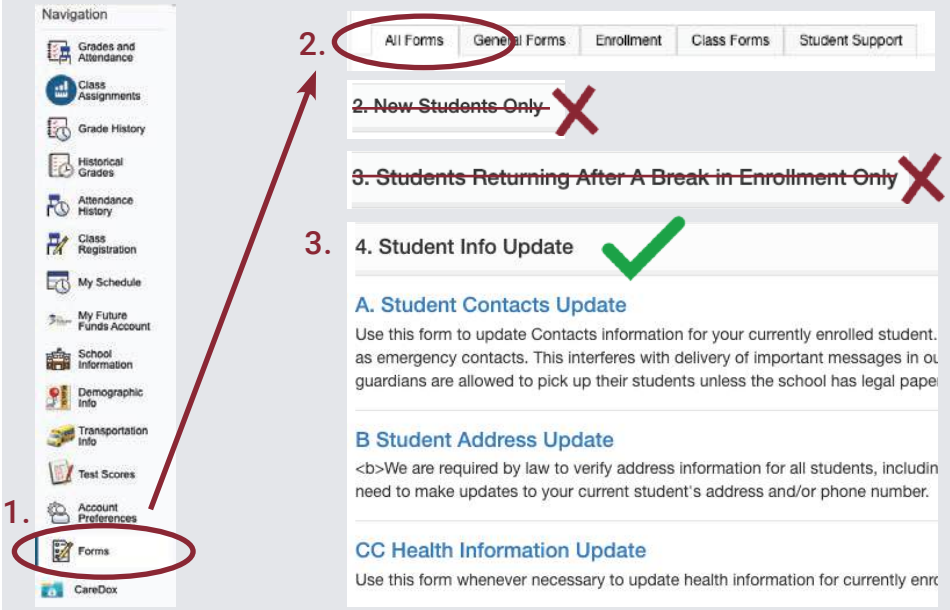
In the coming months, I look forward to listening and learning alongside you. I will be engaging in conversations within and across our organization to better understand the hopes, questions, and ideas for the Dexter Community Schools. Together, we can deepen relationships across our schools and community to ensure every learner thrives.

Sincerely,
Ryan Bruder
Assistant Superintendent

COMPLETE DCS ANNUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS IN POWERSCHOOL

It's time to complete your back-to-school information review in PowerSchool!

ALL RETURNING FAMILIES MUST COMPLETE THIS STEP EACH YEAR BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS. But, don't panic if you have trouble accessing your PS account - building secretaries can help!



1. Choose **Forms** from Navigation menu
2. Select the **All Forms** tab
3. Scroll down to **Section 4. Student Info Update**

Scan QR code above for step-by-step directions on completing annual forms in PowerSchool.

MEDICAL FORMS AND HEALTH CARE INFO



HAS YOUR CHILD HAD A CHANGE IN THEIR MEDICAL INFORMATION?

Use the **Health Information Update** form in PowerSchool to update information.

HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE DISTRICT NURSE?

The DCS district nurse Rachel Piersol is available to discuss health concerns and answer student and parent questions. Please contact Mrs. Piersol via phone at 734-424-4100 ext. 3212 or 6013, or via email at piersolr@dexterschools.org.

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED TO TAKE MEDICATION AT SCHOOL OR HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN IN PLACE?

Medication forms and guidelines for medicine to be administered during school hours are available at dexterschools.org/parents/district-nurse. Contact the district nurse if your child requires an emergency plan to be in place for his/her care and treatment.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL–TUE, SEPT 2

Half day schedule:
DEEC, Wylie, MC 8:14am-11:40am
Creekside, DHS 8:00am-11:25am

PREPARING FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Dexter Schools will supply all materials needed for students to do their schoolwork.

However, we understand that gathering school supplies is a fun back-to-school tradition for many families, who often inquire about supplies that their students might find useful at home and/or supplies that they might donate to the classroom.

For this reason, we have partnered with TeacherLists to provide parents and guardians with an accurate, convenient list for each building so that families can easily take advantage of summer sales if they choose to purchase classroom supplies.

Scan QR code for more school supplies info.



WHAT TO EXPECT THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- The first day of school is an exciting time for everyone involved!
- Students and families might naturally feel a bit nervous, but it's important to stay positive and face the experience with an open mind.
- Be sure children get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast before heading off to school.
- Allow extra time to get to school in the morning, find classrooms, and settle in.
- Expect delays for both drop-off and pick-up for the first few weeks.



FOOD AND NUTRITION

2704 Baker Rd.
M-F 8:00am - 4:00pm
734-424-4186

Jennifer Mattison, Director (x1501)
Roxanne Maze-Frick, Asst. Director (x1502)
Dana Wandyg, Student Accounts (x1503)

HEALTHY MEALS FOR ALL STUDENTS

DEXTER FOOD AND NUTRITION (FANDN)

The Michigan Free Meals for All Program, funded by the state's School Aid budget, provides free breakfast and lunch to all public school students. While next year's budget is still pending, the program is fully funded through September 30, 2025. Families will be updated as new information becomes available.

The Dexter Community Schools Food and Nutrition Services Department is committed to serving students healthy school meals that provide excellent nutrition to enhance student learning. Every day, our lunches offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, whole grains, and milk. Local produce is featured often, look for the logo on the menu.

BACK TO SCHOOL FORMS

Visit the FandN website for our most-used back-to-school forms. Scroll down to the Details tabs and select Forms.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Menus with nutritional information are available here.

K-6 SNACK & BEVERAGE PROGRAM

Beverage only: $100 per year
Snack only: $100 per year
Snack and Beverage combo: $180 per year

PAYING FOR EXTRAS

Send cash/check (payable to DCS FandN) in an envelope with your child's name to the school office ($0 processing fees). Make online payments (includes processing fees) via Family Portal. Also accessible in the DCSD app.

It is important that all families fill out the 2025-2026 Free & Reduced Lunch Eligibility paperwork to determine eligibility for other educational programs and help DCS qualify for additional resources. ***This will be especially important if the state defunds the free meal program.***



TECHNOLOGY/DEVICES

Dexter is a 1:1 district, where we issue school technology devices to every student. Devices are distributed at the building level during the first week of school.

Families may purchase optional insurance for their school technology devices between August 1 and September 30. Scan QR code for more info about device insurance. →

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

Will your child be late, need to leave early, or be absent? Follow the directions for each building below:

JENKINS ECLC
If your child will be absent from class, please call the attendance line at 734-424-4180 and press 5.

DEXTER EARLY ELEMENTARY COMPLEX
Please call the Anchor Attendance Line at 734-424-4120 or the Beacon Attendance Line at 734-424-4130, select the attendance option, and leave a detailed message. You may also submit absences electronically this year via the DEEC Attendance Form.

WYLIE ELEMENTARY
Please call the office at 734-420-4140 or email them at wylie@dexterschools.org if your child will be absent, late or needs to be picked up early.

CREEKSIDE INTERMEDIATE
Please call the school office at 734-424-4160 and press 1. Make sure to include the name of the student, the teacher, the reason, and the date. It is helpful to email the teacher in case of missed work.

Please call in your student if they will be coming in late. If they will only be a few minutes late, you do not need to call. If they are going to be 15 minutes or more late, please call the office.



MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL
Please call the attendance line at 734-424-4150 and press 1 to report a student absence.

EARLY DISMISSAL: If you know in advance your student needs to leave school early for an appointment please call the office at 734-424-4150. A better option would be to write a note with your students name and time for pick-up. Have your child stop by the office before school, we will then exchange a dismissal pass for the note. When your student is leaving early a parent or guardian must come into the office and sign out the student. The adult picking up the student must either be a parent/guardian or on the student's emergency contact list.

DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL
Please fill out the DHS Student Absence Form online or leave a voicemail in the attendance line mailbox: dial 734-424-4240 and press 1. Leave a clear message that includes: student first & last name, date of absence, reason for absence, and name of person reporting absence. For more information, go to dexterschools.org/posts/~board/dhs-news/post/dhs-attendance-policy-review.

Parents/guardians of DHS students must report an absence within twenty-four hours of the day of their student's absence in order to have an absence excused. If notification is not received within twenty-four hours after the return to school stating the reason for the student's absence, the student will be considered unexcused for the day. The school's voicemail system can accept attendance messages twenty-four hours a day.

GETTING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

ESSENTIAL DEXTER TRANSPORTATION INFO FOR ALL FAMILIES

NO-TRANSPORT ZONE

Students who live within an approximately 1.5-mile radius of their school will not be bused to school. See map to right.

BUS ROUTES AND TIMES WILL BE PUBLISHED DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25TH

Be at your bus stop ten minutes before the scheduled time. Routes will be adjusted during the first weeks of school as needed. Buses are likely to run a little late the first week of school.

REMIND YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

The Transporation Plans Form was sent to all families in June. Families who live in the transportation zone who do not complete the transportation form by August 15th may not be provided a spot on a bus until the end of the first week of school.

THREE MORNING-ONLY BUS SHUTTLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR Y5-4TH GRADE STUDENTS TO CROSS MAJOR STREETS

Stops will be at The Encore Theater, Dexter Community Park (behind Busch's), and in Dexter Crossing. Creekside and DHS students can ride a shuttle from the Solar Walkway to and from their buildings in the morning and afternoon.

SAFETY RESOURCES

Safety resources for walkers/bikers are posted on the Transportation website.

NO-TRANSPORT ZONE



Red outline = No-Transport Zone for all ages
Blue outline = Additional No-Transport Zone for DHS only

DEXTER CROSSWALKS





TRANSPORTATION

7229 Marshall Rd.
M-F 7:30am - 4:00pm
734-424-4190
734-424-4290 (fax)

Deneen Smith, Director (x1601)
Laurie Farmer, Dispatcher (x1602)

THE NEWS YOU NEED!
DCS COMMUNICATIONS

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

DCS PUBLICATIONS

MAKING WAVES AT DCS

Making Waves @ DCS stories highlight ways in which our community of learners work together to educate, develop, and inspire each other. Stories are published weekly via email throughout the school year.

DREADNOTES

DreadNotes is an annual publication that features the latest happenings with the arts programs at Dexter Schools, including music, drama, visual arts, and speech/writing.

DREADWATCH

DreadWatch is published three times a year following the fall, winter, and spring sports seasons. This newsletter features team highlights, individual athlete achievements, and other sports-related news.

All publications are available on the News & Notes page of the DCS website.

DCS SOCIAL MEDIA

Dexter Community Schools is committed to responsible communication with the public through a variety of social media platforms. Social media is not an official news channel, but more a source of entertainment and reminders. Always rely on the DCS website, the mobile app, and emails for accurate and complete information.

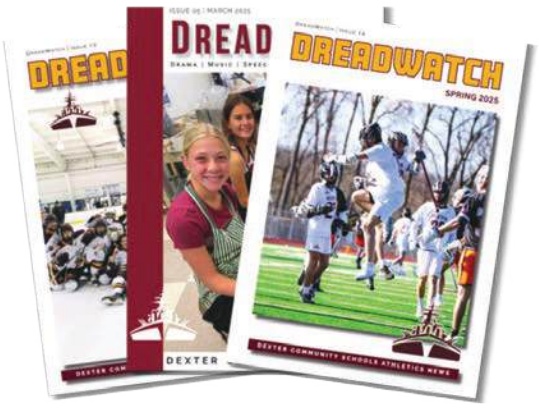
The following are the official DCS District social media accounts:

ALL-DISTRICT ACCOUNTS

Dread Strong (Facebook)
@DexterCommunitySchools (Instagram)
@DexterCommunitySchools (YouTube)
Dexter Schools (X/Twitter) *(Inactive)*



ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES WITH DCS



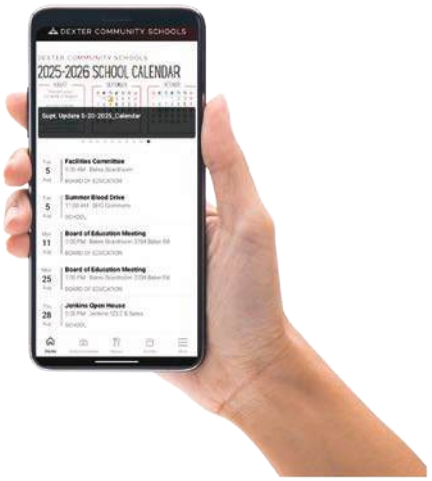
For the past year and a half, Dexter Community Schools has offered community partners the opportunity to advertise in the DCS publications *DreadNotes* and *DreadWatch* (see descriptions above). All four publications are mailed directly to approximately 10,800 households across the DCS District in January, March, May, and July. They are also distributed via our DCS email list (6,000+ subscribers), district website, and social media platforms.

If you are interested in learning more about advertising with Dexter Community Schools, please contact the Comunications Team at communications@dexterschools.org or call 734-424-4100 ext. 1002 or 1341.

DCS MOBILE APP

The Dexter Schools Mobile App (Search "Dexter Schools" in Google Play or the App Store) is a great way to stay informed about goings-on at school:

- Receive notifications regarding weather-related school closures, scheduled days off, and other urgent news;
- Access the following functions: deposit lunch money, pay athletics fees, pay yearbook and other school fees through Eleyo;
- Search the Dexter Schools phone and email directory quickly;
- Quickly view lunch menus, bus routes, etc.



In addition to district news, you can subscribe to updates from individual buildings. Go to Events, then click the word FILTER in the right top corner of the screen to select the news you want to be notified about. All your news updates are in one place.

This app is available for anyone who wants to follow Dexter goings-on! Student information is only accessible by parents. Find the Dexter Schools app in the App Store or on Google Play.



SETTING UP DISTRICT CALENDAR NOTIFICATIONS

Did you know you can set up email alerts from the DCS District Calendar? You can access the main District calendar at dexterschools.org/district/calendar. This calendar includes information from all building calendars and the Board of Education.

Families and staff can sign up for email alerts regarding calendar events at your convenience, scheduled anywhere from one week to thirty minutes before the event.

Visit our Parents webpage for a step-by-step tutorial outlining how to set up your calendar preferences.

Quick Tip

TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE RECEIVING ALL NOTIFICATIONS, MAKE SURE YOUR BROWSER IS UPDATED AND YOU HAVE RECENTLY SYNCED YOUR DCS CALENDAR SETTINGS.



DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

2704 Baker Road
734-424-4100, x1002
734-424-424-4112 (fax)
M-F 8:00am-4:00pm

Hope Vestergaard, Director (x1002)
Melanie McIntyre, Special Assignments (x1341)

THE POWER OF POSITIVE COMMUNICATION

Positive communication plays a crucial role in nurturing a supportive and collaborative relationship between home and school. Good communication can ensure your student receives the best possible education. In an age dominated by social media and instant messaging, it's easy to forget the importance of direct communication and personal connections.

While social media platforms offer convenience and quick updates, they are not effective channels to address concerns or share important information about your child's education. Here are a few reminders on maintaining positive communication between home and school:

ADDRESS CONCERNS DIRECTLY

Reach out to your child's teacher or building administrator directly with concerns.

USE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS

Follow official DCS social media channels and website for reliable and accurate information.

AVOID SOCIAL MEDIA DURING CONFLICTS

Engaging in online discussions or venting frustrations on social media does not resolve conflicts.

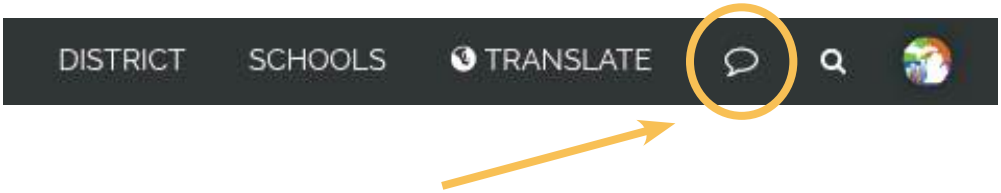
For the most accurate and up-to-date information about Dexter Schools, please rely on our website: dexterschools.org. Important updates or deadline reminders often open in pop-up windows when visiting the website.

For questions, comments and concerns, please use the Talk to Us feature.



WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

When you have a question and can't find the answer on the DCS website (try typing your question into the website's search bar), the next step should be to contact your building secretary (see building contact information on page 2).



You can also send questions via the Talk To Us form on the website. On the top right-hand corner of every page on the DCS website is a clickable word bubble that leads to a contact form. It may take staff 1-2 business days to respond.

DCS BOARD OF EDUCATION



Daniel Alabré
Secretary



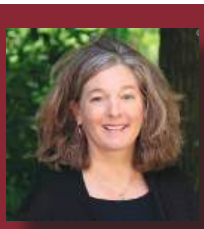
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Lloyd Brand
Student Representative

Meetings are generally held every second Monday during the school year. See Board Calendar for 2025-2026 meeting dates. The meeting agenda and other meeting materials are posted on the Board of Education (BOE) website, typically by the end of the day Thursday before regular Monday meetings.

Board meetings are held in-person at 7:00 p.m. in the Bates Boardroom, 2704 Baker Rd, Dexter. All recorded meetings can be found on the DCS BOE Meeting Videos page.

Public Participation
Board meetings are working meetings of the Board of Education. The Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters.

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board provides two periods for public participation at public meetings of the Board and one period for public participation at committee meetings. The Board has published rules to govern such participation in Board meetings and in Board committee meetings, which are administered and enforced by the presiding officer of the meeting. These can be found on the DCS website at dexterschools.org/district/board-of-education/meetings.

Public commenters will be asked to identify their district of residence before speaking and should submit their name and question or comment in writing if they would like an individual response. Except for occasional factual clarifications, the Board and Superintendent do not respond to individuals during the meeting.

WHAT HAPPENS AT BOARD MEETINGS?

BOE meetings have regular business items including new hire approvals, budget reports, attendance at school business workshops, etc. The Board also reviews and approves bid awards, curriculum material purchases, and other regular business matters. They discuss policies, course proposals, student achievement goals, and strategic initiatives, among others. There's also fun – presentations on curricular topics or student achievement, student and staff recognition, and demonstrations from classes or clubs.



NHS students recognized for organizing Red Cross blood drives at DHS.

Attending board meetings is one of the best ways to understand how school finance works and how educational decisions are made. If you are interested in participating at the school level, please see the Booster and PTO information on page 12.

SCORE YOUR SEATS NOW: DON'T MISS THE ACTION!

DCS ATHLETICS TICKETING

Tickets can be purchased for upcoming home and away events at gofan.co/app/school/MI9941 or at the gate by scanning the displayed QR Code, paying by credit card, or via ApplePay. Purchasing online in advance will assure you fastest entry into the event.

Digital tickets purchased in advance via GoFan are sent to your email after purchase or can be accessed through the GoFan mobile app. Tickets will be redeemed by the event worker directly from your phone upon arrival to the gate - PLEASE DO NOT redeem your ticket prior to the gate. No screenshots, paper tickets, or cash payment will be accepted at the gate.

Adult and student digital season passes may be purchased on GoFan. Go to gofan.co and search 'Dexter High School' to purchase your season passes for the 2025-2026 school year. Dexter season passes will NOT be accepted for MHSAA playoff games or Special Events hosted by Dexter High School. Senior citizens (ages 62+) and children age five and under do not need tickets to attend regular season home sporting events for free. Seniors citizens can simply show proof of age at the gate!

For online ticket purchasing issues, contact service@gofan.co.



ATHLETICS
2200 N . Parker Rd.
M-F 7:30am - 4:00pm
734-424-4170

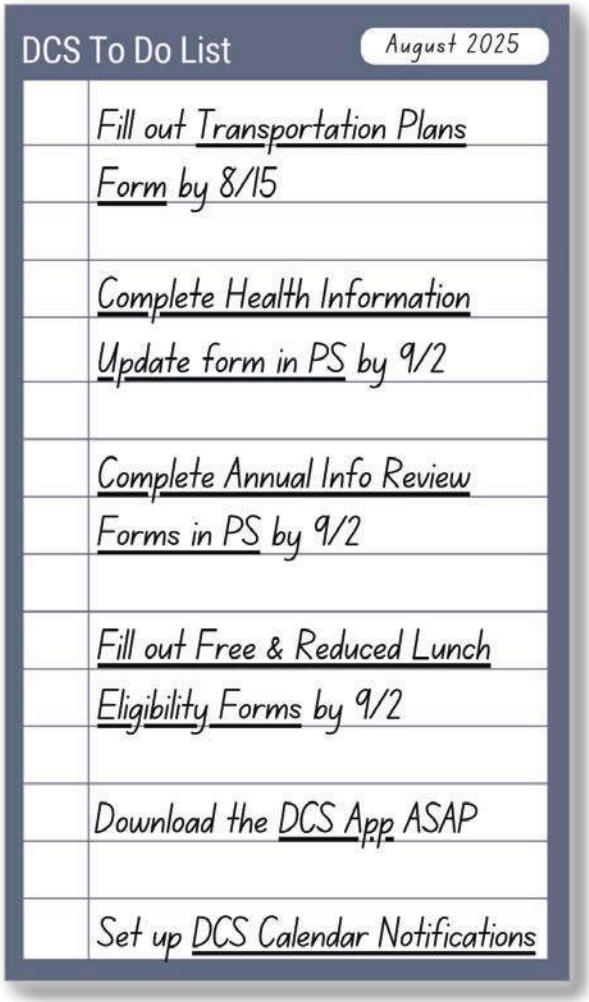
Mike Bavineau, Director (x1101)
Kelly King, Asstistant Director (x1102)

BOOSTER & PTO GROUPS

DISTRICT BOOSTER GROUPS
- Educational Foundation of Dexter
- Dexter Farm to School
- Dexter Alumni Association

PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS
- DEEC PTO
- Wylie PTT (Parents & Teachers Together)

PROGRAM BOOSTER GROUPS
- ABCD: Athletic Booster Club of Dexter
- Dexter Band Boosters
- Dexter Drama Booster Club
- Dexter Orchestra Boosters



WELCOME BACK, DREADNAUGHTS!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: HOMECOMING IS OCTOBER 10TH!

FALL 2025 BACK-TO-SCHOOL CALENDAR

ALL-DISTRICT

- **Teacher Assignments/Schedules**
  Emailed August 21 by end of day (9th grade gets copies at orientation 8/22)
- **Bus Routes Published**
  During the week of Aug. 29
- **First Day of School**
  Tuesday Sept. 2 – half day

DEEC (ANCHOR/BEACON) grades Y5–2

- **New to DCS Orientation** (adults only)
  Mon. Aug. 25, 2:00pm-3:00pm
- **DEEC Open House** (everyone)
  Tues. Aug. 26, 4:30pm-6:00pm
- **Picture Day** – Thurs. Sept. 18

WYLIE grades 3–4

- **New to DCS Orientation**
  (kids & adults)
  Mon. Aug. 25, 11:30am -12:30pm
- **Wylie Open House** (everyone)
  Wed. Aug. 27, 4:45pm-5:45pm
- **Picture Day** – Thurs. Oct. 2

CREEKSIDE grades 5-6

- **New to DCS Orientation** (kids only)
  Mon. Aug. 25, 1pm-2pm
- **Open House** (everyone)
  Wed. Aug. 27, 6pm-7pm
- **Picture Day** – Mon. Sept. 8

MILL CREEK grades 7-8

- **New to DCS Orientation**
  Mon. Aug. 25, 12pm-1pm (kids & adults)
- **7th & 8th grade Orientation**
  (kids & adults)
  Mon. Aug. 25, 3:00pm-4:30pm
- **Back2School Bash** (kids only)
  Mon. Aug. 25, 4pm-6pm
- **Picture Day** – Wed. Sept. 3

DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL grades 9-12

- **Freshman Orientation** (students only)
  Fri. Aug. 22, 8am-12pm
- **New to DCS Orientation** (kids & adults)
  Mon. Aug. 25, 6pm-7pm
- **Open House** Wed. Sept. 3, 6pm-8pm
- **Picture Day** Thurs. Sept. 4
- **Curriculum Night** (adults; kids welcome)
  Thurs. Nov. 13, 5:30pm



PLEASE COMPLETE THE TRANSPORTATION PLANS SURVEY BY **AUGUST 15th**, EVEN IF YOUR STUDENTS WILL NOT RIDE THE BUS. Link: **http://bit.ly/3Hw7YPX**

School offices (except the high school) close on or about **June 20th** and re-open starting **August 13th**. PowerSchool may not be accessible to parents and students periodically between **July 31st–August 14th** while we complete year-end reporting and roll-up the new school year. In general, the High School office remains open Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am-1pm except for the week of 4th of July; **please check the high school website to confirm before dropping in.** If you need K-8 assistance during the summer, contact the district offices: info@dexterschools.org or call 734-424-4100.

All families (new to Dexter and current Dexter) must complete the Annual Acknowledgments each year before school starts. **You will do this online using PowerSchool starting in mid August. DCS will email all families login credentials and instructions when this opens.** If you are unable to do it online at that time, contact your school office for help.

OPTIONAL school supply lists are posted on TeacherLists.com. Search for 48130.

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST

Annual Forms:
1st week of August

DISTRICT NEWS
mid-August

BUS ROUTES
& CLASS ASSIGNMENTS
last week of August

SEPTEMBER

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
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MARCH

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JUNE

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KEY

HALF DAY

NO SCHOOL

PHONE NUMBERS

Dial '1' for Attendance

ANCHOR K-2
734-424-4120

BEACON K-2
734-424-4130

WYLIE 3-4
734-424-4140

CREEKSIDE 5-6
734-424-4160

MILL CREEK 7-8
734-424-4150

DHS 9-12
734-424-4240

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
JUNE 10, 2026
(corrected)

ANCHOR, BEACON, WYLIE AND MILL CREEK
HALF DAYS 8:14AM–11:40AM
FULL DAYS 8:14AM–3:07PM

CREEKSIDE AND DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL
HALF DAYS 8:00AM–11:25AM
FULL DAYS 8:00AM–2:53PM



DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

FAMILY CALENDAR
2025-2026

SEPTEMBER		
September 2	First Day of School	Half Day for Students
OCTOBER		
October 13	Fall Break	No School
October 14	Professional Development	No School for Students
NOVEMBER		
November 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences	Half Day for Students
November 7	Half Day	Half Day for Students
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Break	No School
DECEMBER		
December 12	Professional Development	No School for Students
December 22-31	Winter Break - No School	
JANUARY		
January 1-2, 2026	Winter Break	No School
January 15	Last Day of First Semester	Half Day for Students
January 16	Records Day	Half Day for Students
January 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	No School
FEBRUARY		
February 13	Professional Development	No School for Students
February 16	Presidents' Day	No School
MARCH		
March 30, 31	Spring Break	No School
APRIL		
April 1-6	Spring Break	No School
April 17	Professional Development	No School for Students
MAY		
May 22	Professional Development	No School for Students
May 25	Memorial Day	No School
JUNE		
June 10	Last Day of School	Half Day for Students



schoolinks

COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PLATFORM
FOR GRADES 7-12 (WITH MORE TO COME!)

SchooLinks is a college and career readiness platform that helps students explore interests, plan academic paths, and prepare for life after graduation. It's used by students, families, and educators to make informed decisions about the future.

KEY FEATURES

- Interactive assessments that help students discover careers that match their passions and strengths.
- Virtual Reality campus tours that allow students to explore college campuses in immersive 3D—no travel required.
- Resume & Portfolio Builder where students can turn their achievements into sleek, professional profiles.
- College planning scattergrams where students can visualize historical college acceptance data to see where they stand.
- Scholarship Center that matches students with scholarships tailored to their profile.

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SCHOOLINKS PARENT PORTAL gives families access to student progress, and planning tools.

Parent/Guardian Login:
app.schoolinks.com/login/k12

- For Google Accounts, click "Login with Google."
- For Non-Google accounts, click "Forgot Password," enter your email, and follow the instructions to create a password.

NOTE: Guardians must use the email account that is registered in PowerSchool.

SAVVYSTUDENT

Creating financially SAVVYSTUDENTS!

SavvyStudent is a student banking program designed to teach financial literacy to kids and teens. With built-in money management tools, this youth debit card helps students learn essential financial skills through interactive online courses. As they complete lessons, students earn real rewards—making it fun and educational. SavvyStudent combines smart banking with financial education to empower the next generation with lifelong money confidence. Students will receive their own debit card, with the option to feature the Dexter Community School District's logo.

- Full Parental Controls*
- Compatible with Apple, Google, and Samsung Wallets
- Debit Card**
- Earn Rewards for Completing Financial Literacy***
- $1 Donation to School District per Spirit Card Ordered

PARENTAL CONTROLS:

- Establish Card ManagementControls directlyfrom online banking / mobile app
- Parents can set spending limits, alerts, point-of-sale restrictions, and more
- Ability to turn the card on and off from online banking / mobile app
- Link your student's checking account to your online banking account
- Transfer funds between accounts as needed





BENEFITS:

- **Set a foundation for financial literacy** by allowing students to earn money for completing designated online courses
- **Students gain early exposure to banking**, equipping them with essential financial awareness
- **This program serves as a catalyst** for parents to get involved in their children's financial education through discussions, parental controls, and enhanced financial literacy resources

**3rd party fees may apply. **Subject to credit check (parent/guardian). ***Rewards will be paid via ACH. Financial Literacy Programming provided through the FDIC. Chelsea State Bank may revise or terminate the SavvyStudent program at any time for any reason, and at the bank's sole discretion.*

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My Future FUND EARLY SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

DREAM BIG! START small

My Future Fund gives **free money for college and career** to 1st-8th grade students in Washtenaw County public schools

What is My Future Fund?

My Future Fund is a Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) program, funded by Washtenaw County Government. **My Future Fund gives early scholarship accounts to all 1st-8th grade students with a free $25 deposit! Plus, 1 in 3 families qualify for a $475 bonus based on their family income.** A parent or guardian should complete this form to access full benefits of the program.

The program will also include free financial education and planning support. My Future Fund scholarship accounts do not need any money from families and accounts do not impact a family's public benefits.

Parent/Guardian Permission

Keeping your family's information secure and confidential is important to us, so My Future Fund needs your permission to access student/family information. Please complete a new form for each child.

I understand that this information will be treated as confidential in conformity with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and will be used for the purposes described above. I give my permission for the My Future Fund program, after removing any identifying details, to use information from my child(ren)'s educational record and/or My Future Fund record for program evaluation purposes. I understand I can review the My Future Fund Program Rules online. I fully discharge the Washtenaw ISD and its officers, employees, and agents from any and all liabilities arising out of or in connection with the My Future Fund program, including the described data access relative to the My Future Fund Program as listed above. I also understand that I may withdraw this consent at any time in writing to the My Future Fund Program at myfuturefund@washtenawisd.org or via mail to 1819 S. Wagner Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48106.

As the parent or legal guardian of the child listed below, I give my consent for the WISD's My Future Fund program to use the information I have provided and to access my child's education record for the duration of my child's participation in the My Future Fund program for the purpose of: **1.) My Future Fund program communication and administration, and 2.) Providing additional deposits to my child's account if they are eligible. This includes checking if my child qualifies for the National Lunch Program.**

Student's First and Last Name (Please print):_____

Student's Date of Birth:_____ **Student Zip Code:**_____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print):_____

Phone Number:_____ **Email:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Today's Date:** _____

Return your paper form:

- To your teacher or school's main office
- By mail: 1819 S. Wagner Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48106
- By fax: (734) 325-1086

To fill the form online, scan here:

For more information or to opt out, visit our website.

My Future FUND · Washtenaw ISD

www.myfuturefund.org
734-302-2626
myfuturefund@washtenawisd.org

My Future FUND EARLY SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

How do I get a scholarship?

New accounts are automatically activated for most students in the spring. More information and login registration codes will be sent home when your child's account is ready. It may even be ready now!

How can my student use My Future Fund dollars?

After high school, My Future Fund dollars can be used for a variety of education expenses such as tuition and certification fees, books, supplies and equipment (including computers, internet, tools or uniforms) needed as part of the program at an eligible educational institution or credential program. These dollars can be used along with any additional money your family has saved in a 529 or other account.

Do I need to add any money?

No, scholarship dollars are from Washtenaw County Government. Families do not need to add anything.

Do I need to share my child's social security number?

No, you do not need to provide a social security number or tax identification number.

What do I need to do?

To unlock all the benefits of the program, a parent or guardian should **fill out the Permission Form** to:

- Allow My Future Fund staff to check if your student qualifies for the bonus $475 deposit, based on family income.
- Receive information about upcoming opportunities and resources.
- Activate My Future Fund account if your student is on your district/school's directory information opt out list.

To fill out the Permission Form:

- Scan the QR code
- Visit the website
- Contact us directly

Families can complete an opt out form if they wish.



www.myfuturefund.org
734-302-2626
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