Honoring Years of Service & Retirement

DEXTER

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Recognition for Years of Service

5 Years	5 Years Continued	10 Years	15 Years
Babicki, Lindsay Bingham, Margot Brown, Paul Bruderly, Elise Cincala, Timothy Cody, Sasha Davis, Jennifer Denisco, Allison DiBianca, Brenda Edwards, Adrian Frick, Troy Hampsey, Molly Hardesty, Joseph Hartman, Brooke Hartman, Nicole Hashikawa, Elizabeth Hoffman, Kathryn Hoffman, Torie Hunt, Sarah Kangas, Jennifer Lerner, Marisa Lewis, Jennifer Lockard, Timea	MacGregor, Peggy McGinnis, Joanne Mercier, James Nowak, Melanie Picha-Vanzytveld, Cassie Porterfield, Shannon Rahman, Nafeesa Robinson, Katey Sheaffer, Samantha Sherman, Michelle Smith, Caitlin Sprau, Roger Stidham, Brooke Thomas, Amy Tykoski, Lauren Tyler, Andrea Ventola, Wilma Webber, Danna Weber, Cheyanne Williams, Eric Willig, Brittany Wincent, Steven Xuereb, Katherine	Arbour, Emily Blumberg, Sabrena Bruder, Ryan Dorr, Ashley Downing, Michael Gauthier, Ed Hansen, Murphy Harrison, Ashley Hebbes, Kim Heidtke, Alex Ivan, William Keeler, Stacey Linn, Kristen Murrel, Debra Nakon, Anne Norris, Sharon Porcaro, Jennifer Ripka, Angela Sadler, Amy Schaedler, Anna Schuler, Steven Sprague, Michelle Sutton, Stacey Watters, Michelle	Boyd, Morris Holland, Abby Ledwidge, David Nowaczck, Kelli Pedersen, Brett Slabaugh, Daniel Spence, Suzanne Sullivan, Karen
20 Years	**25 Years**	**30 Years**	
Baker, Tracy Dever, Melanie Doyle, Kristie Gallaher, Deborah Kline, Maureen Luxon, Kathryn Martin, Cheryl McQuarrie, Ricki Jo Mutschler, Marianne Semple, Brian Stahl, Tracy Vimawala, Amy Webby, Jane	Barnes, James Barthol, Linda Darnton, Cheryl Eninsche, Val Reich, Tammy Schuler, Brian Shipley, Joanne	Javis, Shannon	

Recognition for Retirement

Today, we honor the diligent efforts and commitment of our retirees. As they transition into retirement, it is evident that each individual has contributed a legacy of success, support, and commitment to the Dexter Community Schools' students and staff. I trust that you can reflect on your time with us as a period of accomplishment and a job excellently executed. Wishing you similar fulfillment in the exciting adventures that await you in the future

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Retirees

Superintendent - Christopher Timmis
Chief Financial Officer - Sharon Raschke

Certified Staff
Black, Narda
Jacobs, Brandy
Jacobs, Phil
Marsh, Deb
Scott, Angie
Sloan, Sandy

Support Staff
Reardon, Doreen
Wesenberg, Catherine
Wesley, Gary

As they conclude their careers, five of this year's retirees have provided personal messages reflecting on their years of service and sharing their plans for retirement. Their thoughtful reflections are presented on the following pages in alphabetical order.

Message from Narda Black

Thanks for the memories!

In my 24-year career at Dexter Community Schools, I have had the honor and privilege of teaching thousands of students from third to sixth grade as a Classroom Teacher and a Media Specialist. From 10 years as a third and fourth-grade multi-age educator to launching Summit Learning in 6th-grade at Creekside, I have always looked for the best way to reach every student and challenge them to do their best.

Last Friday, as a culminating experience in our 4th-grade curriculum, I took all of my students to Traverse City so they could become sailors and scientists aboard a 70-foot schooner. The smiles on their faces when they identified zooplankton under a microscope and the sparkle in their eyes as they hoisted the sails made all the planning and preparation worthwhile.

I will really miss all of my students, but I'm also looking forward to spending more time on my new boat this summer and traveling to Ireland in the fall. So thanks for the memories, it's been an incredible journey.

Message from Brandy Jacobs

After 28 years in education, making the decision to retire is both exciting and bittersweet. Excitement, because I get to retire alongside my best friend, my husband—Phil, but also a sense of bittersweet sadness, as I will truly miss the daily interactions with my students. Over the past nine years at Dexter High School, I have had the privilege of doing work that brings me joy every day. Supporting students through challenges, celebrating their successes, and watching them grow has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career.

Making the move to Dexter nine years ago was one of the best decisions I have made professionally. Being trusted to advocate for and support young adults in a role I am passionate about has been deeply meaningful. The daily interactions and relationships with students have made this work both fulfilling and memorable, and I will greatly miss those connections.

I am deeply grateful for the support of our administrators, teachers, secretaries, staff, and all support staff throughout my time at Dexter. Their dedication and care for students make Dexter such a special place. The counseling department, however, will always hold a particularly special place in my heart. I have had the privilege of working alongside an incredible group of counselors whose dedication, compassion, and commitment to students have inspired me every day. Working alongside so many talented and compassionate professionals has been a privilege, and I am thankful for the lifelong friendships formed along the way.

To all the students I have had the privilege of counseling over the years, it has been an honor to support you through both challenges and successes. Each of you has left a lasting impression on me, and I am truly grateful for the trust you placed in me during important moments of your lives. My hope for you is that you continue to trust in your abilities, lead with kindness, and never underestimate your ability to make a difference in the world. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your journey.

Dexter Community Schools, thank you for the trust and support you have shown me over the years. It has been an honor to serve this district, and be part of a community so deeply committed to its students.

Message from Phil Jacobs

After 36 rewarding years (the past nine in Dexter) of teaching and coaching football, this decision comes with deep gratitude for the students, staff, and community that made my time here so meaningful. It has been an honor to work alongside supportive colleagues and a dedicated football staff that supports our students both in the classroom, on the field, and in life. I am proud of what we have accomplished together and thankful for the relationships built along the way. Together, we put Dexter on the map. Thank you for the support and memories over the years. I wish Dexter High School continued success in the future.

Message from Doreen Reardon

After 24 wonderful and fulfilling years with Dexter Community Schools, I will officially be retiring as of June 10, 2026! ❤️

It's hard to put into words just how much these years have meant to me. Working in Food and Nutrition has been more than just a job—it has truly been a passion. I've loved preparing meals, serving our students, and being a part of their everyday lives. Seeing their smiles and knowing I could help make their day a little brighter has meant the world to me.

Beyond the kitchen, I've also been incredibly blessed to spend time coaching the Dexter Varsity Cheerleaders. Those memories will forever hold a special place in my heart. From practices and games to competitions and celebrations, it was such a joy to watch these young athletes grow in confidence, teamwork, and school spirit. The bonds we built and the moments we shared are something I will always treasure.

Dexter has been so much more than a workplace—it has been a community, a family, and a place full of unforgettable memories and friendships that I will carry with me always. I am truly grateful for every student, colleague, and friend who has been part of this journey.

As bittersweet as it is to say goodbye, I am also excited to begin a brand new chapter in my life. I will be moving to Northlake, Texas, and look forward to new adventures, new opportunities, and making many more special memories.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who has been part of these incredible 24 years. You have made this journey truly unforgettable, and I will cherish it forever.

Message from Angie Scott

I am beyond grateful to have spent my entire teaching career with Dexter Community Schools; as well as raise our boy here. I will forever look back at my experiences with my students, follow staff members, & parents from both the High School and Creekside with great appreciation.

I look forward to a slower pace during retirement, spending more time with my kids & grandkids, golfing with my husband, traveling, spending lots of time out on our lake; while continuing to work my bartending & serving job at Doc's Restaurant at Whitmore Lake Golf Links. Thank you to every person I met along the way that inspired me to be the best teacher/coach that I could be. I will miss you all! :)

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our employees for their dedication, commitment, and years of service to our students, schools, and community. Their contributions have made a lasting difference in the lives of countless individuals and have helped strengthen our district in meaningful ways.

Please join us in congratulating and recognizing our employees for their service milestones and in wishing our retirees the very best of health, happiness, and fulfillment as they begin this exciting new chapter of life.

As we celebrate their accomplishments, we are reminded that:

"The people who work in schools may never know the full impact they have, but every day they help shape lives, build confidence, and create opportunities for the future."