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The Dexter School Board opened bids for the renovation of the HVAC system at the high school during a special meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. The renovation will mean the old boiler system will be capped and shut off and eventually removed from the property. The boiler system is estimated to be 27 to 28 years old and has experienced multiple issues over the years.

There were two companies that attended the pre-bid meeting, but only one submitted a bid. The conditions of the job ask that the project be completed by the start of the 2023/2024 school year.

Associated submitted a base bid of \$964,738. This would do 24 classrooms, the auditorium and the gym.

The bid also came with alternatives. The first being an automation system that allows the HVAC systems to communicate with each other. This will also allow remote adjustments from off campus to the systems if necessary. The second would include the locker rooms in the renovated system. The total bid with the alternatives is \$1.1 million.

Superintendent Amy James requested an approval by the Board of Education be pending the final recommendation of the architect. She said Associated included a letter with the bid saying they would like to provide some clarification and provide some value engineering. James said they based the bid on the current electrical drawings but there has

been some confusion in regards to the latest drawings.

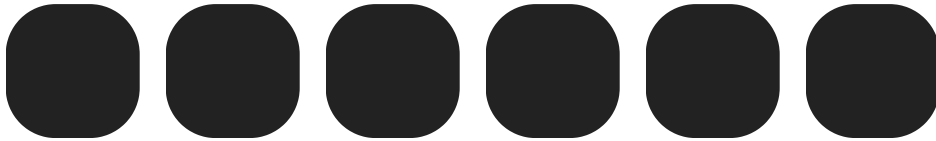
The district will use ESSER III funds to pay for the projects. James said there is quite a bit of ESSER III funds left and the district has until the end of the 2023/24 school year to spend it.

The board approved the bid pending the recommendation from the architect.

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Dexter Elks Lodge State Essay Contest Winners.

Their topic was Americanism.

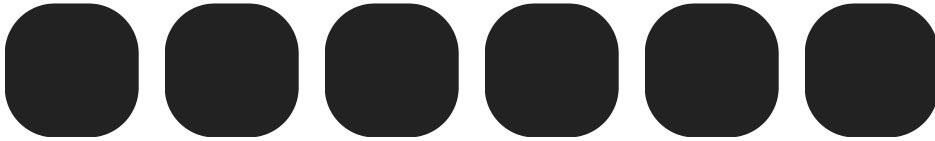
Cannon Carrillo (5th grade) - Second Place

Kody Parker (5th grade) - Third Place

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Lydia Lancaster, Dexter High School graduated and now a Doctor of Dental Medicine spoke to the students and gave a speech about the Top Ten Pieces of Advice or the Top 10%.

"It is such an honor to be here tonight," commented Lancaster. "It seems like yesterday that I graduated. However reality started to sink in that the last time I sat here in this auditorium was in 2007, the year I graduated. That was 16 years ago. So not quite yesterday. Sixteen years is longer than some of the freshmen and sophomores have been alive. I am overwhelmed that something that seems like yesterday and almost how much time has passed. That was a tough pill for me to swallow."

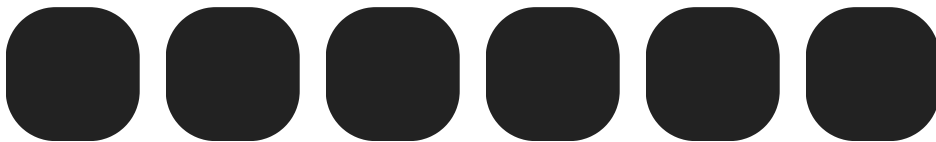
Senior Honorees in alphabetical order are Kaden Bias, Peyton Boles, Kinleigh Chappell, Shelby Dawson, Makenna Dean, Ellen Dowdy, Caitlin Giles, Madison Glaus, Hannah Guy, Jayci Holcomb, Alise Howell, and Abigail Rash.

Not pictured is Caitlin Giles.

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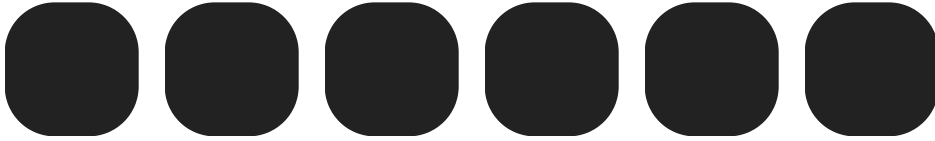
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Junior Honorees in alphabetical order are Alexis Bennett, Audrey Calvert, Tyson Carmode, Katarrah Churchill, Holden Duer, Marie Fees, Preston Fitzpatrick, Matthew Honeycutt, Brooklyn Link, Kaden Lirely, Chloe Neuhaus, Hailey Northern, Macie Templemire, and Ryan Young.

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Sophomore Honorees in alphabetical order are Avere Ackman, Eric Avery, Lawson Blocker, Marlie Hatton, Kaylynn Haws, Caden Lee, Puja Maisura, Fisher Menley, Isabella Pittman, Avery Riley, Madison Sutton, Essabella Voss, Cali White, Korbin Williams, Cooper Worley, and Febe Worley.

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