

ADM Community Schools

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ADM Families and Staff.

We are less than three weeks away from the first day of school on August 30. We will welcome 26 new teachers to ADM on August 19 (the largest group in history!) and all teachers return from summer break on August 23. I can't wait to get started. Our mission (purpose) is to ensure ALL students learn at high levels. Following a deep analysis of important student achievement data from 2020-21, it is evident that we currently are not fulfilling our mission. It is our intention to be relentless in our pursuit of improvement so our mission is realized. ADM has some "brutal facts" that need to be faced head on, but we also know we have the right people and collective will to move from good to great! It is time to get to work, and we can't wait to see students on August 30.

2021-22 Return To Learn Plan:

Last night the ADM Board of Education voted to approve <u>ADM's 2021-22 Return to Learn Plan</u>. At the meeting, Board members reviewed the plan in full and <u>reviewed a presentation</u> that provided a summary of the feedback provided by ADM families and staff. The feedback gathered was categorized as follows:

Category	Parents	Staff
Support The Plan	78%	85%
Indifferent To The Plan	3%	3%
Oppose The Plan	19%	12%

Monitoring COVID-19 In The School Setting & Feedback Questions:

In many ways, ADM's Return To Learn Plan is a return to pre-covid operations. However, I want to assure families that we have been and will continue to monitor positive cases of COVID-19, attendance rates, and illness of students and staff. Additionally, we will continue to be in close and frequent contact with the Dallas County Health Department as we monitor and respond to COVID-19 in the school setting. As we have done since the beginning of the pandemic, we will continue to work with our local health department to use local data to monitor and make decisions related to COVID-19.

Additionally, to support families with access to answers about frequent questions related to ADM's Return to Learn Plan, we have created a Frequently Asked Questions document that provides answers to 24 common questions about ADM's plan.

Meadow View Elementary Progress:

The work continues at Meadow View Elementary and we can't wait to open the doors for students on August 30. As with any project of this size, there is a lot to do in the next three weeks, but we certainly plan to be ready for the first day. We are currently planning a dedication event for Meadow View in September and will communicate more details in advance. We are excited to open the building for our public to come and tour.

Back To School Information:

August is such a busy time for parents as school approaches. Parents are reminded to use the "Parents" portion of our ADM website to access relevant information to support families as they prepare for the 2021-22 school year. Under the parents tab, families will find ADM's Back To School page which provides access to supply lists, open house dates and building handbooks, ADM's Drop-off and Pick-Up Information page that provides details about arrival and dismissal at each building, as well as a variety of other pages with important information to support our families.

Sincerely, Greg Dufoe ADM Superintendent

