



ADM Families and Staff,

The purpose of this message is to provide you with an update about what we currently know related to the status of DeSoto Intermediate and the next steps following the fire that occurred late Tuesday evening.

### Clean-up, Mitigation, and Restoration Updates

- Service Master and other professional services continue with clean-up, mitigation, and restoration of the impacted areas.

### Contingency Plans:

- We continue to be told by the professional services leading the cleanup, mitigation, restoration, and reoccupying efforts that they do not believe we will need to relocate students in order to resume school.
  - a. While unlikely to be needed, the district is working to identify a range of contingency plans to relocate students or implement virtual instruction - if it were deemed necessary.

### Reoccupying the Building Updates

- **Current Reoccupying Plan:** In working with the professional services leading the cleanup, mitigation, restoration, and reoccupying efforts, it is still believed that the plan that will result in the fewest days of missed student attendance is as follows:
  - a. Clean, mitigate, and seal off the impacted 1990s wing of the school building where the fire occurred.
  - b. Clean and mitigate all other areas of the building that have been impacted by fire contamination.
  - c. Relocate displaced classrooms to the 2014 wing and 3-story portion of the building.
- **Reoccupying Factors:** Permission to reoccupy the building will largely be driven by the following two factors:
  - a. Fire Safety System: The Fire Safety System (sprinklers, sensors, alarms, etc.) must be in working order for students and staff to reoccupy the building.
    - The fire system was restored late yesterday afternoon.
  - b. Environmental Testing Results: Air quality and surface testing must indicate that the building is safe for student and staff to return.
    - Unfortunately, the environmental testing results that came back this morning have indicated a spread of fire contamination that extended further than was originally anticipated. This will result in additional mitigation measures.
- **Reoccupying Timeline:** Due to the findings of the environmental testing, the timeline for reoccupying DeSoto Intermediate may be slightly delayed from what was communicated yesterday.
  - a. There will be no school at DeSoto Intermediate on Friday, April 21, 2023.
  - b. All other ADM School buildings will continue to have school in their regular buildings as planned.
  - c. We are hopeful but uncertain that DeSoto Intermediate students will be able to return to school on Monday, April 24.
  - d. We will know and share more following additional testing and progress that will occur between now and Friday afternoon. Please look for more information at that time.

Sincerely,  
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ADM Superintendent

