

April Family Update

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ADM Families,

It is hard to believe that it is already April and that we are in the final months of the 2022-23 school year! We continue to remain highly focused on our mission of high levels of learning for all students and our "wildly important goal" (WIG) of decreasing the percentage of students non proficient on state assessments in literacy from 18% to 10%. Spring also brings the enjoyment and excitement of outdoor activities and events at school. I hope each of you are able to take time in what can often feel like the chaos of spring to enjoy the warmer weather, time with family, and time with friends.

ADM Response Plan Updates

Last night, updated information about <u>ADM's Response Plan</u> was shared with the ADM Board of Education. The slide deck linked above outlines the plan, with actions that are in progress or completed written in red.

Current Reality: Student Connectedness Data

Last night, as part of the ADM Response Plan update, the <u>Current Reality: Student Connectedness Data Report</u> was shared with the ADM Board of Education. This report provides a summary, key findings, and identified opportunities for improvement related to student connectedness at ADM. This information will be used to identify action steps for improvement. Below are some key findings from the report that identify current reality.

Key Finding: Students at all buildings in grades 2-12 report high levels of student connectedness to a trusting, caring adult at school.

% of students that report having a trusted, caring adult at school 2022-23 **Meadow View Elementary** DeSoto Intermediate ADM Middle School **ADM High School** Quarter 1 95.8% 91.6% 88.9% 92.11% 99% 94.5% 91.2% 96.21% Quarter 2 97.2% Quarter 3 100% 98.5% 98.0%

Key Finding: Students at all buildings in grades 2-12 report high levels of student connectedness in having friendship/connection with at least one classmate at school.

% of students that report having a trusted, caring adult at school 2022-23 **Meadow View Elementary** DeSoto Intermediate ADM Middle School **ADM High School** 91.3% 93% 98.4% 97.8% Quarter 1 After working with students in small groups Quarter 2 97.4% 99.6% 98.26% after quarter 1, 100% of students indicated having a peer connection. This question was not included in the survey in the following 99.8% 99.7% 98.76% Quarter 3 quarters.



Peer Conflict and Bullying Core Slide Deck and Future Student Lessons

Last night, as part of the ADM Response Plan update, the <u>ADM Peer Conflict and Bullying Core Slide Deck</u> was shared with the ADM Board of Education. This slide deck outlines core definitions related to bullying, harassment, peer conflict, and mean/rude behavior. Building counselors have been working to adapt this core slide deck into an age appropriate slide deck and lesson that students in all grade levels PK-12 will receive later in April. The purpose of the lesson is to review what bullying is, what bullying is not, and how to respond/seek help if

experiencing peer conflict or bullying. More information from building principals will be shared with families in the weeks to come. In the meantime, please take a moment to review the core slide deck linked above, as it contains valuable information and clarity about important topics for everyone in our ADM system.

20223-24 Certified Budget and Property Tax Levy Decrease

Last night, the ADM Board of Education approved the 2023-24 certified budget and property tax levy. The property tax levy decreased from a rate of \$17.66597 to \$17.33351 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation. The decrease in the property tax levy is due to lowering the management fund portion of the property tax levy.



Last Day of School Will Not Change - No Snow Day Make Ups

The last day of school for the 2022-23 school year will remain May 26, 2023. No snow days will be made up at the end of the school year. As a reminder, the ADM Board of Education approved the 2023-24 academic and staff calendars in December. Parents and families can use the following link to access the approved 2023-24 academic calendar: ADM Calendars



Facility Master Planning Update

The Board-Approved Facility Master Planning Committee met for the fourth and final time on March 27, 2023. The ADM Board of Education received an update on the work of the committee at last night's board meeting.

The purpose of this committee was to identify and prioritize the needs of existing facilities, future facilities and grade configurations, and prioritize needs and future use of non-attendance center facilities throughout the district. The committee's work will culminate in a Facility Master Planning Report and recommendations to the ADM Board of Education later this spring or early summer.

At the fourth and final meeting, the committee reviewed projected costing, sequence, and timelines for the two preferred scenarios that had been identified in the prior meeting. The committee reached consensus on their recommendations related to future facility construction, improvement, and sequence of projects. These recommendations will be part of the final report submitted to the Board of Education for their review and consideration. Families and community members can use the following link to review the documents information from each meeting.

Click To View: ADM's Facility Master Planning Website



Reminder: Student Assistance Program

ADM has partnered with Employee and Family Resources (EFR) to provide a formal Student Assistance Program (SAP). ADM's Student Assistance Program is confidential, free, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The plan can be accessed by students and family members. Please read the following overview for more information about this important and FREE program: <u>ADM Student Assistance Program</u>

Sincerely, Greg Dufoe ADM Superintendent