



May Family Update

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ADM Families,

May is here and we find ourselves in the final weeks of the 2022-23 school year. Please join me in congratulating our ADM seniors, who are nearing the end of their educational journey at ADM and begin to turn their attention to future plans, careers, and adventures. As a school system, it is our privilege and honor to be trusted with the responsibility to educate your students and it is always exciting to see the next steps that students take as they grow and transition to new grade levels, school buildings, and beyond our classrooms in the weeks and months to come.



Teacher Appreciation Week

I would also like to take a moment to thank and congratulate our teachers for their dedication and hard work over the past many months of the school year. They have maintained a focus on our mission of high levels of learning for all and have remained committed to our “wildly important goal” (WIG) of decreasing the percentage of students non proficient on state assessments in literacy from 18% to 10% by the end of this school year. Final results from sprint testing will be received in the weeks to come and soon we will know if we have met our goal. If you have a moment, I would encourage you to email or reach out to a teacher to thank them for their hard work and the difference that they are making in the lives of kids each day.

ADM Response Plan Updates

Last night, updated information about [ADM's Response Plan](#) was shared with the ADM Board of Education. The linked slide deck outlines ADM's plan and provides links to the reports that have been completed as part of the plan. ADM's SIAC Committee will meet on May 22 and a portion of that meeting will be devoted to reviewing key findings and opportunities for improvement that have been identified in each report. Below are two key findings from two of the reports found in the plan.

Conditions for Learning Report	School Counseling Services & SAEBRS Report
<p>Key Finding: ADM school buildings composite scores outperformed the average Iowa school building of similar aged students in virtually all (34 out of 35) demographic subgroups and grade bands on the Conditions for Learning survey - an anonymous survey designed to measure student engagement in school, culture, climate, safety and the overall learning environment.</p>	<p>Key Finding: 90% of K-12 ADM students scored at or above the expected benchmark on the SAEBRS social, academic, emotional, and behavioral risk screening tool administered during the fall and winter of the current school year. Only 1% of students scored below the benchmark as “High Risk.”</p>
<p>What Does This Mean: In general, a student's experience related to culture and climate at ADM would score better than the experience a student would encounter if they went to school in another district in Iowa with similar aged students.</p>	<p>What Does This Mean: The vast majority of students appear to have the social, academic, emotional, and behavior skills needed to manage and regulate their emotions and behaviors. Additionally, processes are in place in all buildings to support students who may need additional support with School Counseling services.</p>



The key findings listed above, along with the key findings shared in [April's Parent and Family Update](#), indicate that in general, all ADM school buildings have a positive culture and climate, that ADM students feel connected to friends, and that ADM students feel connected to trusted, caring adults in the school setting. While there is always more work to do, and many opportunities for improvement and further study have been identified in reports that are part of ADM's Response plan, we are proud of ADM's students, families, and staff for the positive climate and culture that has been developed and that is demonstrated daily across our ADM School system.



2023-24 Academic Calendar

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](#)



2023-24 School Registration

Registration for the 2023-24 school year will open on June 1 and close on June 30. Parents of returning students will receive an email on the morning of June 1 with directions for how to complete the online registration process. Parents of new families to ADM will be able to find directions for registration on the ADM website and social media starting June 1.



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: [ADM Student Assistance Program](#)

Sincerely,
Greg Dufoe
ADM Superintendent