



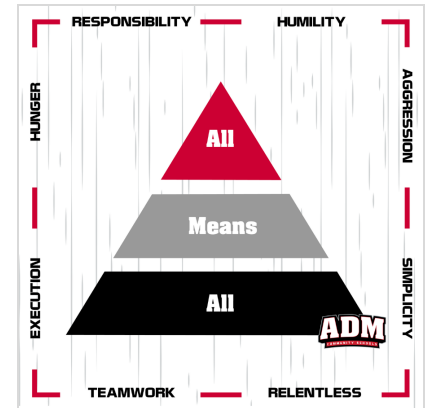
August Family Update

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ADM Families,

We are less than one week away from the first day of school on August 23. In just a few days, students will be walking the halls at ADM to start what will be a very exciting 2023-24 school year! Yesterday we welcomed 29 new teachers to ADM (the largest group in history) and all staff will return to school tomorrow morning for our 2023-24 All-Staff Welcome.

Our mission is to ensure that ALL students learn at high levels and we are starting year three of our “radical reset” that has produced unprecedented results in student achievement. In the coming weeks and months, we will share more about our Wildly Important Goal for the 2023-24 school year!



November 7 Bond Vote

On Monday, the ADM Board of Directors unanimously approved a bond issue question that will appear on the ballot Tuesday, November 7, 2023. If the \$58 million bond is approved, the district would use the funds to construct, build, furnish, and equip a **new high school building** and improve the site while constructing athletic complexes for the new school. It would also remodel, repair, improve, furnish, and equip the DeSoto building, including the **demolition of the three-story portion** of the building. Additionally, funds will cover renovating, remodeling, improving, furnishing, and equipping the current middle/high school building.

The board took the action after receiving a petition requesting an election on the issuance of the bond, signed by more than 600 eligible voters in the district. **Much more information will be shared over the next three months** about the upcoming vote, with three detailed mailers to all residents that explain the needs and solutions, along with a robust website with answers to frequently asked questions and two public forums being planned for October.

While many more details will be shared in the days ahead, it is important to communicate that the ADM Board of Education is committed to continuing to provide a **stable tax rate** for the community during and after the construction of the projects on the November 7 ballot. Read the following update for more information: [ADM Board of Directors Call for November 7 Bond Election](#).



Student Assistance Program

Last year, ADM has recently partnered with Employee and Family Resources (EFR) to provide a formal Student Assistance Program (SAP) for **all students and their family members**. ADM’s Student Assistance Program is **confidential, free**, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please read the following overview for more information about this important and FREE program: [ADM Student Assistance Program](#)

ADM Anti-Bullying and Harassment Handbook

On Monday, the ADM Board of Education approved the ADM Anti-Bullying and Harassment Handbook, a new handbook that has been created as part of ADM's Response Plan. The purpose of this handbook is to provide ADM students, parents, and staff members with **clear definitions** of social behaviors that include harassment, bullying, peer conflict, and mean/rude behavior, as well as information about **how to respond, report, and get help**. Portions of the [ADM website](#) have also been updated to reflect the information found in the new handbook. Use the following link to view the new handbook: [ADM Anti-Bullying and Harassment](#)

Building Handbooks - Parent Signature Required

On Monday, the ADM Board of Directors approved all building handbooks for the 2023-24 school year. Approval of handbooks for the upcoming school year was delayed due to recent legislative changes and uncertainty about legal requirements for content in each handbook. Additionally, due to legislative changes, all **ADM families are now required to sign a form acknowledging receipt** of a school handbook for the building that their child attends prior to the start of the school year. Parents can view and sign the required form at the following website: [ADM Handbooks and Sign-Off Form](#)

New K-12 Math Resources

Last year, ADM finished a two year curriculum revision process to review and adopt new curriculum resources to support mathematics instruction in all grade levels and courses at ADM. The process focused on identifying elements of [exemplary math instruction at ADM](#) and then identifying resources that would help bring this instruction to our students in all classrooms. This year, teachers in all buildings will be working to implement the new resources throughout the school year.

[Illustrative Math](#) was selected as the instructional resource that best aligned to support exemplary math instruction in grades PK-5 and Carnegie Math was selected to support exemplary math instruction in grades [6-8](#) and [9-12](#). Buildings will be sending home more information to families about these new resources throughout the school year. We are excited about these new resources and the learning opportunities ahead for students as we work to meet our mission of high levels of learning for all!

Have a great day!

Greg Dufoe
ADM Superintendent