

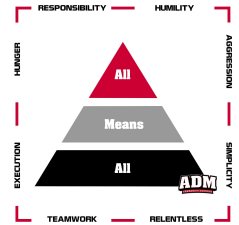


# November Family Update

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ADM Families,

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving will already be here next week! I always look forward to this special time of year and hope that you each have a wonderful time with family and friends as you celebrate this holiday. This past Tuesday the ADM community approved a 58 million dollar bond referendum which will allow the district to proceed with the implementation of a formal 10-year facility master plan! More information and details about this exciting work will be shared in the months ahead. Please take a moment to read the information below about the 2024-25 draft calendar and provide feedback. Additionally, read this newsletter for other important updates about ADM's performance on the Iowa School Performance Profiles (ISPP) and ACT.



**2024-25 Draft School Calendar Public Hearing and Feedback:** The following proposed 2024-25 DRAFT ADM Academic School Calendar has been developed, reviewed by the Board, and is being shared for feedback from families and staff. ADM's calendar is considered an "hours calendar" which must include a minimum of 1080 student instructional hours to meet state requirements. Review the key information below to learn more about the draft calendar and provide feedback by 12/1/23.

Draft Calendar: Key Information	Public Hearing and Feedback
<p><b>The Proposed Calendar Includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1105 instructional hours</li><li>• 176 days of student attendance</li><li>• 189 contractual days for certified staff</li></ul> <p><b>Key Academic Dates Proposed 2024-25 Calendar Include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First Day of School: 8/23/24<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Reminder: The earliest allowed start date by the state of Iowa is August 23.</li></ul></li><li>• Thanksgiving Break: 11/27-12/1<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Includes 11/27 teacher comp day for conferences</li></ul></li><li>• Winter Break: 12/23-1/1<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ This is the same length of winter break as the current 2023-24 school year calendar.</li></ul></li><li>• Spring Break: 3/17-3/21<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Includes 3/14 teacher comp day for conferences.</li><li>◦ Aligns with area schools and DMACC.</li></ul></li><li>• Seniors Last Day: 5/22</li><li>• Commencement: 5/25</li><li>• Last Day of School for Students: 5/30</li></ul>	<p><b>Public Hearing:</b> A public hearing for the proposed 2024-25 Academic School Calendar will take place on December 11 at 6:00 PM at the next regular board meeting.</p> <p><b>Review and Feedback:</b> Families are encouraged to review the draft calendar and provide feedback using the links below by 12/1/23.</p> <p><a href="#">Click Here to View DRAFT 2024-25 School Calendar</a></p> <p><a href="#">Click Here to Provide Feedback by 12/1/23</a></p>



### 2023 Iowa School Performance Profiles

Each year the Iowa Department of Education updates new results to an online school accountability reporting system called the Iowa School Performance Profiles (ISPP). The Iowa School Performance Profiles launched in 2018 and measures student perceptions of the culture and climate of their school building, as well as building performance in areas such as academic growth, academic proficiency, graduation rate, postsecondary readiness, and more.

All ADM School buildings earned a rating of “High Performing” on the 2023 Iowa School Performance Profiles (ISPP)! **This is a significant achievement that appears to be unmatched by any other school district of similar size in the state of Iowa.** Use the following link to view a recent [ADM Board Report](#) about the ISPP.

	AE	MV	DI	MS	HS
2018	Commendable (57.85)	NA	Commendable (57.85)	Commendable (57.85)	Acceptable (53.1)
2019	Acceptable (50.01)	NA	Acceptable (50.01)	Acceptable (54.33)	Commendable (59.85)
2021	Commendable (59.56)	NA	Commendable (59.56)	High Performing (62.37)	High Performing (63.43)
2022	High Performing (66.20)	High Performing (66.20)	Commendable (59.59)	Exceptional (66.97)	High Performing (61.05)
2023	High Performing (66.26)	High Performing (66.26)	High Performing (62.31)	High Performing (63.41)	High Performing (62.13)

Below are additional key data points from ADM’s 2023 Iowa School Performance Profiles: (Note: Adel Elementary does not generate a score and is given the same score as Meadow View Elementary)

- **ADM High School: 10th Highest** Scoring High School in Iowa!
- **ADM Middle School: 7th Highest** Scoring Middle School in Iowa!
- **DeSoto Intermediate: 58th Highest** Scoring Elementary School in Iowa!
- **Meadow View Elementary: 15th Highest** Scoring Elementary School in Iowa!



### ADM High School ACT Performance (Graduating Class of 2023)

In late October, ADM received the composite ACT scores for the class of 2023. ADM’s 2023 graduating class ACT composite score was 22.7. The State of Iowa’s ACT composite score was 20.8 and the national composite score was 19.5. The national composite score of 19.5 was the lowest in 30 years. Use the following link to view a recent [ADM Board Report](#) with more information about ADM’s current and historical participation and performance on the ACT.



### Reminder: Student Assistance Program

ADM partners 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. Please read the following overview for more information about this important and FREE program: [ADM Student Assistance Program](#).

Have a great day!

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