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**December Family Update** 

ADM Families,

Happy holidays! I hope you have a great time with family and friends over the fast approaching winter break. Please take a few minutes to read through this month's edition of the Family Update. In this edition, you will find the approved 2024-25 school calendar and reminders about our winter weather communication plans.

Additionally, I am excited to share information about a new partnership with Family Connections, Inc. to provide on-site in-person mental health therapy for students at ADM. This is something we have not been able to provide for students for several years, due to our previous on-site in-person mental health therapy partner, LifeWorks, no longer being able to staff these services. After nearly two years of searching for a new partner, we are thrilled to once again be able to offer this level of in-person on-site support for students.



**2024-25 ADM Academic Calendar Approved:** On Monday night, the ADM Board of Education approved the 2024-25 academic and staff calendars. All elements of the approved calendar remain the same as what was shared with families in November.

Click To View: 2024-25 ADM Academic Calendar



# Winter Weather Communication Plan:

Winter weather is upon us and with winter comes questions about communication related to late starts, early outs, and school closure. Please take a moment to review the following information about ADM's winter communications as well as ADM's Hard Surface Bus Route Plan.

### How Are Closing and Delay Decisions Made?

WINTER WEATHER School may be closed, delayed, or dismissed early due to inclement weather or other emergency situations. Decisions to cancel school are not taken lightly, and any changes to our regular schedule are made by the superintendent after consultation with the director of transportation and other related personnel. ADM's number one priority is ensuring the safety of all students. <u>A decision to close or delay school will normally be made no later than 5:30 AM.</u>



### How Are Parents Notified?

ADM uses the SchoolMessenger alert system to directly notify parents of weather and emergency related delay, dismissal, or cancellation decisions. Parents are notified by email, phone, and text message. Messages are also sent to area television stations, Raccoon Valley Radio, and displayed on the school website at www.admschools.org.

# **On-Site Counseling**



In January, ADM will begin a partnership with Family Connections, Inc. to provide in-person on-site mental health therapy services for students. This program will work very similarly to our previous partnership with LifeWorks, where students may be referred for these services by the district or a family may express interest for services directly to Family Connections, Inc. Appointments will take place on-site at ADM, with all payment and insurance logistics handled between Family Connections, Inc. and the student's family. More information will be available after winter break. If you have any questions, please contact your student's building school counselor.



# 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: <u>ADM Student Assistance Program</u>.

Have a great day!

Greg Dufoe ADM Superintendent