



# April Family Update

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ADM Families,

I hope you are well today and enjoying some warmer temperatures. One of the most asked questions I get around this time of year is if we will be making up any of the snow days we experienced this winter. Well, the answer is below in the first section! It is normal and natural to look forward to the end of the school year, but we also want to maximize the days we have left and not let the anticipation of the summer break affect our present effort and work. Thanks for your help in encouraging your children, regardless of their age, to work hard to have a great finish.

Our students in grades 3-11 will be taking the ISASP state assessment this month, and we appreciate your help in encouraging your children to take the assessment seriously and simply do the best they can. A standardized test like the ISASP is nowhere near the full measure of a student's abilities, we know that. However, performance on a standardized test does provide valuable and essential information on how individual students are performing on key skills and, more importantly, how students as a whole are performing throughout our system. We don't shy away from the aspiration to have ALL students proficient or above on these tests. It is one important way of evaluating how close we are to meeting our mission of having all students learn at high levels.



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

The last day of school for the 2023-24 school year will remain May 29, 2024. No snow days will be made up at the end of the school year. As a reminder, the ADM Board of Education approved the 2024-25 academic and staff calendars in December. Parents and families can use the following link to access the approved 2024-25 academic calendar: [ADM Calendars](#)



## Facility Master Planning: Update

We have finished the initial visioning stage of the design process for the new high school. We are now engaged in the initial design process that focuses on trying to bring the ideas from the visioning committee, identified program needs, and other key priorities into a conceptual layout and floor plan of what the new high school could look like.

As part of this work we have started engaging a few small user groups for additional input on key areas of the new high school. Later this spring we will hold a series of larger user group meetings for even more detailed and specific feedback about the design and functionality of the building. This work continues to follow a similar process that was used in the design and development of Meadow View Elementary.

## Safety and Security Updates

## Safety and Security: Update

As was shared the past few months, we continue to be involved in the Governor's School Safety Program which will ultimately lead to funding for Iowa schools to make safety improvements in all buildings. All five attendance centers have completed a formal safety assessment conducted by a vendor provided by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and received reports of findings and action steps from each safety assessment. We have used these reports to identify priority future projects to improve safety and security at each school building, submitted the grant application and last week received notice that our grant application had been approved. We will now move to the next phase of planning for the safety and security projects that were approved.



**Reminder: On-Site Counseling**

In January, ADM began a partnership with Family Connections, Inc. to provide in-person on-site mental health therapy services for students. Students may be referred for these services by the district or a family may express interest in services directly to Family Connections, Inc. Appointments take place on-site at ADM, with all payment and insurance logistics handled between Family Connections, Inc. and the student's family. If you have any questions about this resource, please contact your student's [building school counselor](#).

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**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](#).

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Have a great day!

Sincerely,  
Greg Dufoe  
ADM Superintendent