



# April Family Update

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ADM Families,

I hope you are well today and enjoying the pleasant spring weather. This time of year, questions about if we will be making up any of the snow days that we experienced this winter are on the top of many people's minds. Please see below for more information! With warmer weather also comes thoughts of summer and the end of the school year. While summer is fast approaching, it is our goal to maximize the days we have left and not let the anticipation of the summer impact our intense focus on meeting our wildly important goal.

## 2024-25 Wildly Important Goal

Decrease the % of PK-11 students scoring "Not Yet Proficient" in reading/ELA from 12% to 8% by June 1, 2025.



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

The last day of school for the 2024-2025 school year is anticipated to remain May 30, 2025. Snow days will not be made up at the end of the school year unless additional weather-related cancellations this spring cause the school to fall below the state-required attendance hours. As a reminder, the ADM Board of Education approved the 2025-2026 academic and staff calendars in January. View Approved 2025-2026 academic calendar: [ADM Calendars](#)



### New High School: Updates

Work has started at the site of the new high school! In March, the ADM Board of Education awarded the construction contract for the project to Stahl Construction. Recent Stahl Construction projects include Ankeny Centennial High School and Johnston High School. We anticipate a formal ground breaking ceremony in May. As a reminder, the new high school is set to open for the start of the 2027-28 school year.



### What Will Happen To The Trees?

One common question about the new high school construction is from people who are concerned about what will happen to the trees that are located on the site. As was communicated when the district purchased the land, the trees on the north side of the property are part of the reason that the site was appealing to the ADM Board of Education. While some of the trees are being removed, the site design will maintain the vast majority of trees, something that we hope will add to the character and charm of the new campus.



### ADM Launching High School Show Choir!

At the April meeting, the ADM Board of Education approved a recommendation to start a show choir at ADM High School next year! This new high school activity follows the successful implementation of a Middle School show choir during over the past three years! Learn More: [High School Show Choir](#)



### Cell Phones and Personal Devices

You may have seen in the news that Iowa lawmakers have passed a bill requiring schools to adopt policies restricting cell phone use during instructional time starting in the 2025-26 school year. It is anticipated that Governor Reynolds will sign this bill soon. All ADM buildings currently have policies in place that already meet the requirements of the bill, as no school buildings allow cell phone use during instructional time other than for allowable exceptions for legitimate health-related needs or students with IEPs.

While the district is already in compliance with the requirements of that anticipated new law, ADM High School has been studying further restrictions that would prohibit use of personal electronic devices during the entire school day, including passing times and lunch periods. On Monday night, ADM High School Principal, Lee Griebel presented a proposal to the School Board, along with information about the process that has been used to study this change, survey results from teachers, and other information about schools who have enacted similar policies. View Slides: [High School Cell Phone Proposal](#)

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### Focus on Learning Board Reports

Each month the ADM School Board receives a “Focus on Learning” report at the monthly School Board meeting. At the April Board Meeting, information was shared about the 9-12 ELA curriculum revision process and changes to ADM’s 9-12 ELA courses for the 2025-26 school year. Learn more: [9-12 ELA Curriculum Revision Slides](#)

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### Reminder: On-Site Counseling

ADM partners 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) 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. Learn More: [ADM Student Assistance Program](#)

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Have a great day!

Sincerely,  
Greg