



ADM Families,

Today is the official end of the 2019-2020 school year and I have never been more proud of our students, families and staff for how we have not only persevered but excelled through the school closure period. The quality of the teaching was beyond impressive as we shifted from face-to-face instruction to remote learning literally on a dime, and our students and families at every school engaged in the learning to a level that is among the best in the state of Iowa. This has been a defining moment for ADM Schools and we all rocked it! Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your patience, grace, support and trust over these past ten weeks!

We continue to receive frequent guidance from the Iowa Department of Education and local public health organizations for how to prepare for the upcoming 2020-21 school year. While much remains uncertain, I want to share with you some of the planning and details that we know at this time and provide as much information as possible as you head into summer break.

2020-21 Academic Calendar

We will not be making a change to the school start date or [2020-21 Academic Calendar](#). We remain confident in the [Standards and Gaps Plans](#) we have put in place and believe this plan is the best approach to address the possible impact on student learning that has occurred due to the COVID-19 closure. Additionally, we believe keeping our start date the same provides families, students, and staff some sense of normalcy in what has been a period of extreme uncertainty. Therefore, the first day of school for students will remain August 24, 2020.

Next School Year: Return To Learn Plan

All districts in the state of Iowa are required to submit a "Return to Learn" plan to the Iowa Department of Education by July 1, 2020. The Department of Education has determined that districts will be expected to require student participation in remote learning during any future closures due to COVID-19. Language from the state reads "all students are required to participate, attendance is taken, work is graded, and credit is granted" and that learning is expected to be "equivalent in effort and rigor to typical classroom work." Due to the quality manner in which our teachers implemented our voluntary learning plan this spring, we are confident in our ability to meet this expectation if conditions require remote learning.

We have been working over the past few weeks and will be working over the summer to develop ADM's Return To Learn. More information will be shared in weeks ahead. ADM's final return to learn plan will consist of three individual plans:

- Remote Required Continuous Learning Plan:
 - This plan will answer how ADM will provide required remote continuous learning for all students.
- Hybrid Learning Plan:
 - This plan will answer how ADM will provide a mix of required remote continuous learning and safe on-site delivery of instruction if buildings are allowed to open but not at full capacity.
- On-Site Delivery Plan:
 - This plan will answer how ADM will safely deliver on-site educational services in the traditional brick and mortar setting.



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ADM Free Grab And Go Meals Program

The ADM Free Meal Pack Program will continue on Mondays and Thursdays through June 25th. Please note that meals will not be available for pick up at Adel Elementary. View Details: [ADM Free Meal Pack Program](#)

Registration for the 2020-21 School Year

On Monday, June 1, all ADM families will receive an email with directions for how to register students to attend ADM for the 2020-21 school year. Families are asked to complete registration and pay fees by June 30, 2020. View More Information: [ADM 2020-21 Registration](#)

Graduation

We have discussed and reviewed many different options for how best to plan for and hold a commencement ceremony during the uncertainty of the current pandemic. To help form our plan, we have received input from community members, staff, and most importantly, the senior class of 2020. We strongly feel that a traditional graduation ceremony is what our seniors want and deserve. Please review the following document for dates, plans, and alternative plans that have been developed to bring the class of 2020 and their families together for a commencement ceremony: [ADM Class of 2020 Graduation Plans](#). As things continue to change, we feel even more confident we will be able to hold a traditional-looking graduation this summer and not have to rely on a virtual or greatly reduced in-person ceremony. We are glad we were patient!

Summer Baseball and Softball

The governor recently approved the return of high school baseball and softball in the state and we are busily and excitedly preparing for the first practice on Monday, June 1. Games are approved to start on June 15. The guidance on the required health mitigation strategies for both practices and games has been released for districts to make the necessary plans. Communication about the expectations and guidelines for fans in advance of our first home games will be coming soon. Go Tigers!

Have a great weekend!

Greg