



October Family Update

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ADM Families,

I really love the fall. The cooler weather and colorful leaves always make this a special time of year for me. Our school year continues to go very well and October is shaping up to be a very busy month. The work we have taken on to address literacy throughout our district has required significant changes in how we approach school improvement. This is a must as we aim to have relentlessly high expectations that challenges the status quo. I am proud of the work done so far. . .much yet to do, but our focus will assist us in staying the course.

Focus on Learning Board Reports

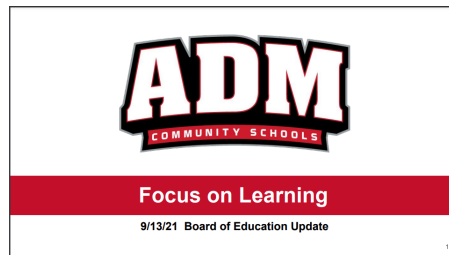
Each regular ADM Board Meeting features a "Focus on Learning" report to the Board. The report is a time for the Board to ensure a focus on ADM's mission in the midst of other necessary school business that commonly occurs at School Board meetings. This year, as part of ADM's Radical Reset, the monthly Focus on Learning reports feature updates on different aspects of school improvement that include: **Instructional Changes Occurring In Core Literacy Instruction, FAST Implementation, Multi-Tiered System of Supports, Interventions, and the Four Disciplines of Execution.**

Families are reminded that all ADM Board Meeting agendas and minutes are available to be viewed online on the: [ADM eBoards](#) website. Additionally, take a moment to click on the images below to view the Focus on Learning Reports that have been shared with the Board since August.

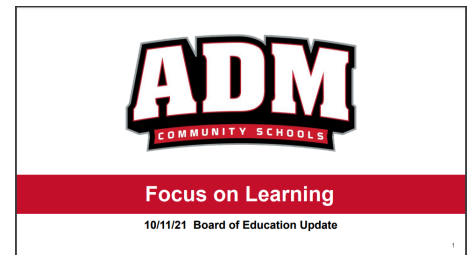
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November 2 Vote: School Board Election

ADM School Board elections will take place November 2, 2021. The ADM School Board is comprised of five members, each of whom represent the citizens of our communities. Two seats are up for election in November to fulfill four-year terms. Use the following link to learn more about which candidates will be on the ballot and to view voting information: [ADM November 2nd School Board Election Information](#)

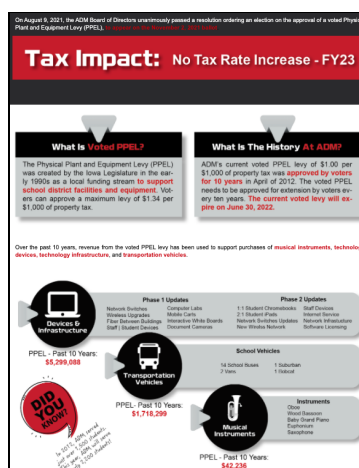
November 2 Vote: Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) and Revenue Purpose Statement (RPS)

On November 2, ADM residents will see two ballot questions pertaining to ADM Schools. One question will ask voters if they approve a voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levy of \$1.34 per \$1,000 of property tax for a period of 10 years. Another question will ask voters if they approve an updated Revenue Purpose Statement (RPS) to authorize expenditures from revenue received from the state of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Fund. Families are encouraged to use the following resources (click images to open) to learn more about each ballot question:

Mailer With Information



ADM PPEL / RPS Website



Public Informational Meetings



Two public meetings will be held on **October 25** at the ADM District Administration Center.

5:30-6:15 PM
6:30-7:15 PM

A Focus on Learning and Results

Travis Wilkins, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning and Communication

Starting with the 2021-22 school year, all students in grades PK-9 are administered the FAST screening assessment(s) in the areas of math and reading. The screening assessments are given three times each year. The purpose of each screening assessment is to identify students who are not yet meeting grade level proficiency in the areas of reading and math. Teachers use the data from each screening assessment to identify students who need targeted interventions and support for acquisition of specific skills.

Using the data from the screening assessments and other diagnostic assessments, teachers work with students to provide evidence-based interventions and instruction that targets specific foundational skills that students may be missing in math or reading. Students who receive this additional support are monitored weekly to identify if the intervention is working and if the student is improving in the identified area of need. Below are **ADM's Fall FAST Reading** scores.

Grade Level	Reading - Not Yet Proficient	Reading - Proficient
K	11%	89%
1	48%	52%
2	48%	52%
3	21%	79%
4	24%	76%
5	34%	66%
6	26%	74%
7	30%	70%
8	28%	72%
9	21%	79%

ADM's Wildly Important Goal

Decrease PK-11 grade students identified as "not yet proficient" in reading on the identified grade level state assessment from 24.6% to 15% by June 1, 2022.

Open Enrollment

On Monday, October 11, the ADM Board of Education approved a resolution to allow open enrollment in grades K-8 for the 2022-23 school year. Open enrollment remains closed for grades 9-12 due to insufficient classroom space factors and for special education students due to current case loads of special education teachers.

COVID-19

We are happy to report that ADM has seen a significant decrease in COVID-19 cases over the past week. Families are reminded that they can view current case information by visiting [ADM's COVID-19 Dashboard](#) for real-time access to COVID-19 at ADM.

Have a great day! Go Tigers!

Greg Dufoe
ADM Superintendent

