



September Family Update

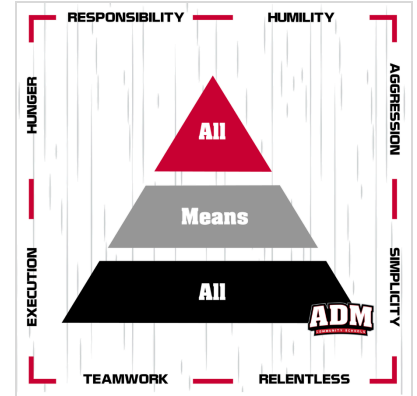
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ADM Families,

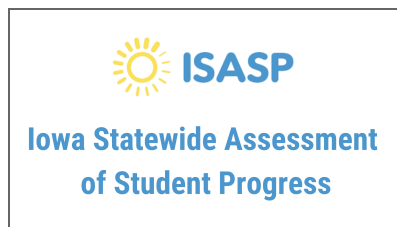
We are off to a great start, with staff and students deep into the important work of teaching and learning. We are committed to a relentless pursuit of ensuring that all students learn at high levels. Please read below for important information, updates, and celebrations!

Focusing On The Wildly Important

ADM is in year four of our “radical reset” related to how we use data, make instructional decisions, and focus on results. We are relentlessly working to reduce complexity and generate extreme clarity and focus in our work to increase student learning. Over the past three years we have seen unprecedented results and expect the same to continue with our aggressive goal for the 2024-25 school year!

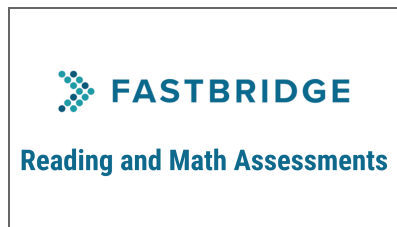


Results	2024-25 Wildly Important Goal
Over three years, ADM has reduced the % of PK-11 students scoring “Not Yet Proficient” in reading/ELA from 25% to 12%.	Decrease the % of PK-11 students scoring “Not Yet Proficient” in reading/ELA from 12% to 8% by June 1, 2025.



Spring 2024 ISASP Scores

Last spring, students in grades 3-11 completed the ISASP assessments. ADM’s ELA scores have improved from 78% proficient in 2019 to 90% in 2024. ADM’s math scores have improved from 79% proficient in 2019 to 84% in 2024. ADM’s science scores have improved from 67% proficient in 2019 to 91% in 2024! Learn more: [ADM ISASP Scores Summary](#)



Spring 2024 FAST Reading and Math Scores

Last spring, students in grades PK-8 completed the FAST reading and math assessments. ADM’s reading scores have improved from 67% proficient in 2021 to 81% in 2024. ADM’s math scores have improved from 68% proficient in 2021 to 81% in 2024. Learn more: [ADM FAST Scores Summary](#)



TigerFest 2024

ADM families are invited to attend ADM’s TigerFest on Thursday, October 3, at the ADM High School / Middle School Campus. TigerFest is always a special time for the district as we celebrate ADM Homecoming with free games and events for the public. Learn More: [TigerFest 2024](#)



ADM In The Spotlight: Carnegie Math and Courtney Stephenson

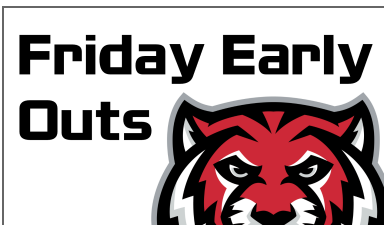
Courtney Stephenson, a 6th-grade teacher and instructional coach at DeSoto Intermediate, was recently featured in a blog post and video by Carnegie Learning to spotlight her work supporting changes in math instruction at ADM. Use the following link to view the video and blog post:

[View Video](#), [View Blog Post](#)



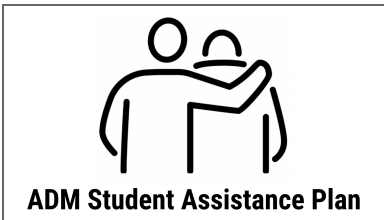
ADM In The Spotlight: Early Literacy Instruction and Erin Koelker

Erin Koelker, a 1st grade teacher and instructional coach at Adel Elementary, was recently featured in the Iowa Department of Education's new "Profiles in Excellence" video series about the work that ADM has done in implementing the science of reading and evidence-based instructional practices at ADM. Use the following link to view the video: [View Video](#)



Friday Early Outs

As a reminder, ADM holds a weekly early release on Friday afternoons. This time is critical for ADM teachers to engage in the professional development and collaboration necessary to meet our mission of high levels of learning for all. You can view each building's early release time on [this page](#) on our website. Learn More: [Friday Early Outs](#)



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](#)



Focus on Learning School Board Reports

Each month the ADM School Board receives a "Focus on Learning" report at the monthly School Board meeting. At August's Board Meeting, Travis Wilkins, ADM's Assistant Superintendent, and I provided a report about ADM's Radical Reset. In September, ADM's math teacher leaders provided a report about last year's implementation of Carnegie Math in grades 6-12. Use the following links to review each slide deck for more information: [August FOL](#), [September FOL](#)

Have a great day!

Greg Dufoe
ADM Superintendent