



Dear SBCSC Families,

As we wrap up Teacher Appreciation Week, I want to thank each of our educators for their vital work for our students and community. We held an in-person Teacher of the Year ceremony on Tuesday night at Riley High School Auditorium and honored 28 of our outstanding educators, nominated by their colleagues. Thank you to last year's winner, Sarah Wagoner of Clay International for her heartfelt speech, and congratulations to our winners: runner-up Pam Hirschler from Swanson Traditional School and winner Kathleen Avery from Madison STEAM Academy.

I had the privilege of honoring our friend Gladys Muhammad at the [Center for Hospice Care's 37th Helping Hands Award](#) dinner last night. We are thankful for her example to us all through her gracious character, her generous heart, and her deep love for our city and the west side community.

Tonight is the prom dance for both Riley and Washington high schools, with the Wildcats holding theirs at the Century Center and the Panthers celebrating at Blackthorn Golf Club. Tomorrow, Rise Up Academy will hold its prom in the gymnasium. We wish everyone a happy and safe prom night.

Adams High School's Unified Track Team and coaches Jamie Redman and Anton Jones were [recognized](#) by [Special Olympics Indiana](#) for their commitment to Unified Track and its mission of using athletics as an impetus for inclusiveness and helping those with intellectual disabilities to reach their fullest potential on and off the field. We are proud of the Adams team who will compete at the Unified Track state championship on June 4 in Bloomington, Indiana.

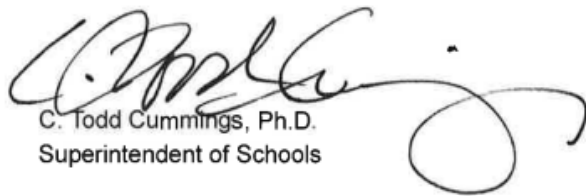
We're preparing for the annual Thought Leadership Conference on May 19 in Elkhart at the Lerner Theater. Tickets are still available to hear our guest of honor, civil rights champion and legendary labor leader Dolores Huerta, that evening at 6 p.m.

Join us for our Board Meeting on Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the administration building. I'm looking forward to honoring those who continue to keep our students at the heart of their mission. These next few weeks are packed with good things, so I'm looking forward to seeing many of you as we celebrate our students and their achievements.

We know you have a choice, and we are thankful for your part in our work here in South Bend Schools.

Remember to read a book, listen to an album, and watch a film!

Sincerely,



C. Todd Cummings, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools