



October 1, 2021

Dear SBCSC families,

It was humbling to gather with our South Bend community this past Saturday at the County-City Building and remember those lost to gun violence. Thanks to Sharon McBride, Director of St. Joseph County Community Corrections and Karen White, the President of the South Bend Common Council for their work in organizing this event. Rise Up Academy senior Henry Jenkins wowed us with a performance of his song "Crazy World." I'm proud of the students in Mr. Ben Murray's CTE graphic design class for creating more than 150 t-shirts for Mamas Against Violence, displayed over the stage at Howard Park that day.


Thanks to all of you who joined Assistant Superintendent of College and Workforce Readiness Chad Addie and me for *Talks with Todd* on Tuesday evening. The next one will be held with Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Brandon White on Tuesday, October 26 at 10 a.m.. We will discuss the return to in-person learning, academics, remediation strategies for all grade levels, magnet programs, and related issues.

We will host free Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination clinics at each of the five high schools during the month of October. [You can see the schedule for the first and second doses on our website.](#) This is another collaboration with our friends at HealthLinc. Students under the age of 18 must bring a signed consent form which are available at each school. Families are also welcome.

On Monday evening, we'll hold the Board of School Trustees meeting at Nuner Fine Arts Academy at 5:30 p.m. Join us in person or on our district YouTube channel.

Remember to read a book, listen to a new album, and watch a classic film this weekend.

Sincerely,

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