



February 4, 2022

Dear SBCSC Families,

A reminder to all that tomorrow, February 5, Saturday Accelerator sessions are canceled. Locations include:

- Brown Community Learning Center
- Darden Elementary School
- Madison STEAM Academy
- Lincoln Elementary School
- Jefferson Traditional School

As we dig out from this week's winter storm, I want to thank you for being prepared and keeping our students learning. Let's thank and recognize the extra effort and work by so many people this week: the Buildings and Grounds crews for all of their many hours spent plowing snow, the Food and Nutrition team for providing meals to our students, our teachers for their eLearning expertise, our custodians, building engineers, and everyone in the Technology Department. Thank you also to Mayor James Mueller for his commitment to providing free Wi-Fi to help our students keep learning at home. I'm also grateful to our first responders and the city's plow drivers and public works. We're looking forward to being back in person on Monday.

Join me in congratulating the Washington High School girls basketball team. The Panthers have had, as we anticipated, another fantastic season under the leadership of Coach Steven Reynolds. They are the undefeated Northern Indiana Conference champions and have completed a 20 win season, earning an impressive list of school records this year. Congratulations and thank you, Lady Panthers, for your outstanding sportsmanship and determination. You make us very proud.

Good luck to Adams and Riley hockey teams as they begin the City Championships this weekend.

Congratulations to Ceci Stanton and the Adams High School Quiz Bowl team for being invited to the National Academic Quiz Tournament in Atlanta this spring!

On Wednesday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m., we're hosting an IVY Academy Information Session on the third floor of the Administration Building. IVY Academy, in partnership with IVY Tech, offers motivated, high-achieving high school students the opportunity to earn an associate degree while in high school. Please join us to learn about this important opportunity and how students can graduate a major step ahead. Contact [Susan Walterhouse](#), GEAR UP South Bend Project Director, with questions.

On Monday, February 7, the Board meeting will be held on the third floor of the Administration Building. You may join in person (with your mask), watch on our [YouTube channel](#), or tune in to my favorite, our student broadcast radio station, [91.7 WETL](#).

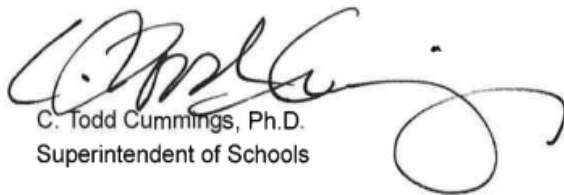
Finally, as we conclude the first week of Black History Month, we recognize the central role of African Americans in the history of the United States of America including the strength and bravery of the champions of the Civil Rights Movement and the artists, scholars, and citizens who continue to work for

justice and equality today—we must do all we can to continue working for change and equality in our country, city, and neighborhoods.

From Poet Gwendolyn Brooks about the great athlete and actor Paul Robeson: “We are each other's harvest; we are each other's business; we are each other's magnitude and bond.”

Have a great weekend, stay warm, read a book, watch a classic film, or listen to an album.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools