



May 14, 2021

Dear SBCSC families,

We've had a busy week! We honored our Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) students at Clay High School on Wednesday, launching our State Earn and Learn (SEAL) program. This initiative is a fantastic way for our students to learn crucial skills in caregiving and health, begin and continue meaningful careers, and earn college credits. I'm so proud of this first cohort of students, most of whom also served as frontline workers at the height of the pandemic in several assisted living facilities. Thanks to all who made this possible for our students, particularly the Indiana Office of Work-Based Learning and Apprenticeship.

Congratulations to Adams High School choir, and director Heather Ducharme. They recently won the [Indiana State School Music Association All Choir award](#), one of only 14 groups in the state to receive this distinction. I want to thank Heather and these talented singers for meeting with me on Thursday to showcase a bit of their work.

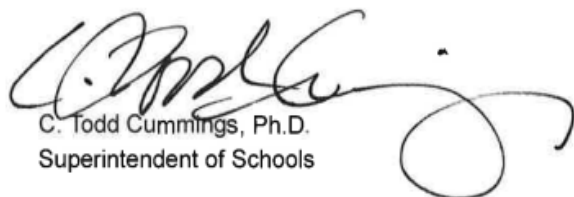
To all of you who have taken time to complete the [Transportation Proposals Public Survey](#), thank you. Remember that next Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m., we'll have an in-person presentation at Riley High School auditorium for any who wish to attend. We appreciate your input and are looking forward to using it to create a more efficient routing system.

I also want to share that we'll be sending another survey to all South Bend Community School Corporation staff and families about the presence of Security Resource Officers in our schools, which we fully support.

Thank you to People Magazine for highlighting the collaboration between the city and our transportation team for their installation of Wi-Fi on buses, distribution of hotspots, and supplying internet connectivity for all of South Bend.

Finally, the Board members and I had a fantastic time this afternoon at Clay International Academy, where we joined Librarian Dee Simpson and others for the district's 17th Annual Battle of the Books. Congratulations to our winners. I hope everyone has a restful weekend, and we're looking forward to seeing you virtually or in person at Monday night's Board meeting at Riley High School and on [YouTube live](#).

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools