



May 21, 2021

Dear SBCSC families,

This week, I had the honor of taking part in the third annual Thought Leadership Conference, an incredible undertaking by Dr. Tessa Sutton, assistant superintendent of equity, diversity, and inclusion, and a fantastic collaboration with our neighbors in Elkhart. This conference highlights our mission to provide our educators and students with more in-depth understanding and acceptance of heritage and culture, along with dependable resources to do so.

We resumed the wonderful tradition of Graduation Walks, honoring our graduating seniors and inspiring our younger students to reach for their dreams and celebrate their predecessors. Thanks to all the teachers who worked tirelessly to provide these graduates with knowledge, mentorship, and support throughout their years with our district.

Adams High School seniors were also celebrated with yard sign distributions. Thanks to Principal Jim Seitz and his team, along with the Adams parent group for their generosity and thoughtfulness in honoring their graduates.

Yesterday was South Bend Alumni Association's annual Superintendent's Golf Outing. Thanks to our friends at Teachers Credit Union for their ongoing support of our mission, and for making this event possible. I also want to thank Dean Moore, executive director of the South Bend Education Foundation, and Kristin Nestler, operations coordinator, for their work and generous support for this outing. The weather was perfect, and we had a great time celebrating our alumni and their successes.

Tonight, we honor the Adams softball team at their senior night at Potawatomi Park. Congratulations to this awesome team, and thank you to Amanda Stephens, Sarah Swanson, and Maggie Varga for your commitment to our student athletes.

I'm looking forward to tonight's prom for Washington High School, and to beginning a new book following last week's Battle of the Books. Congratulations once again to the champions of this year's competition, Clay International Academy. Great work by coaches Liz Hambruch and Dee Simpson, and to students, Serenity Heckaman, Kaila Yohn, A'Shaunbria Rowe-Johnson, Noah Trost, Noah Merry, and Samya Schubbe.

To all of our teachers as we head toward the end of an incredibly challenging school year, thank you for your ongoing commitment to our students and mission.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Todd Cummings".

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