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Dear SBCSC families,

As we close out our last full week of classes, I want to congratulate our families, teachers, and students on their work over the past year. I hope that as you wrap up your testing, field days, graduation preparations, and other end-of-year activities, you'll share your gratitude with one another and acknowledge your own successes. This was a challenging year, but you have done a phenomenal job. I'm proud to work with this group of lifelong learners.

This week, we honored our eighth-graders and seniors with Celebrations of Excellence at each of our middle and high schools. We are proud of our eighth-graders and can't wait to welcome them into our high schools next fall. I want to remind our principals, teachers, counselors, coaches, digital integration specialists, social workers, psychologists, SROs, nurses, custodians, food service workers, and bus drivers of how thankful we are for their role in the successes of this outstanding group of seniors. I can't wait to celebrate them with you in person at Four Winds Field next weekend.

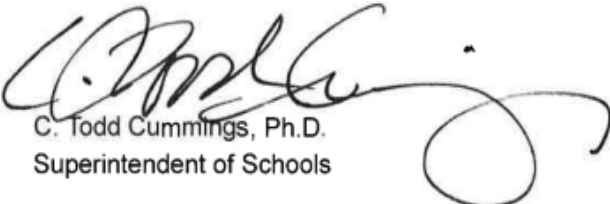
I had a great time at the Riley High School Engineering Fair on Tuesday, chatting with our seniors about their creations and innovative ideas. This cohort has created some incredible inventions, and I am certain that they're going to do phenomenal things after graduation.

On Wednesday, we shared [a survey](#) with our middle and high school students, parents, and staff about our School Resource Officers' roles in our middle and high schools. I hope you'll take the time to complete it.

I'd like to congratulate Clay High School senior Maxx Suc and Riley senior Allison Pflugner for their recognition on Thursday, winning the Kiwanis award for academic, athletic, and civic excellence. We're very proud of you. Last night, we celebrated our Career and Technical Education Construction Technology students' completion of the house on Quince Road here in South Bend. We were treated to some wonderful food prepared by our Culinary Arts students.

This Memorial Day weekend, please remember to honor and mourn those who gave their lives for our country, democracy, and freedom. We are specifically mindful of all those Gold-Star men and women of South Bend Schools who gave "the last full measure of devotion" of service to their country. To their families and friends, please know that we are deeply grateful.

Have a good weekend, everyone!



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