



July 30, 2021

Dear SBCSC families,

On Tuesday, I met with our new teachers at Riley High School, sharing with them our goals for the coming year. I'm pleased to welcome this newest cohort of educators, and thank them for choosing South Bend Schools. They will become heroes for our kids, and I am grateful for their vocation as leaders, teachers, and mentors. I'm looking forward to their development as we improve academic performance across the district.

Thank you to Board member Dr. Stuart Green and Restorative Justice Coordinator, Kathe Streeter for hosting Restorative Justice Week. Nearly 250 educators have taken part. It was an exceptional event, and it will make a tremendous difference in our classrooms and relationships.

I'd like to thank Rise Up Academy and Principal Francois Bayingana for hosting the Work One [job fair on Thursday](#). I'm pleased to see how our schools collaborate with our community partners to create a positive impact within our community.

We're looking forward to summer school graduation next Friday, August 6, at Adams High School. Then on Saturday, August 7, we'll celebrate our annual backpack giveaway at Brown Community Learning Center. This year, we're partnering with Franciscan Health to provide free back-to-school vaccinations for our students, as well as Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations for anyone age 12 and older. Along with the backpack and school supply giveaway, we'll have a bounce house, live music, prizes, balloons, and other fun activities. We'll be there from 8 to noon, so be sure to join us.

For more information about where and when you can get your vaccination, visit <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/>.

Please enjoy these last few weeks of summer. I'm looking forward to having everyone back. Remember to read a book, watch a classic film, and check out a new album. 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