



June 4, 2021

Dear SBCSC families,

Congratulations to all of our teachers, students, parents, guardians, and staff on a strong finish to this challenging school year. I hope all of you are looking forward to a restful summer break and have your reading lists ready to go.

It's been an outstanding week for Adams High School athletics. On Wednesday, we had a send-off ceremony for all three of their track teams, (boys, girls, and unified) as they prepared to leave for state finals. The Adams baseball team will also be heading to regionals tomorrow. And finally, graduating senior Ezra Zabukovic has been named the Indiana High School Lacrosse Association's Player of the Year. This is outstanding news for our Unified Track team, in their first year of competing. Well done, Eagles!

Tonight, we begin our weekend-long celebration of the Class of 2021. I want to thank our educators, staff, community, and families for the support they've provided and the difference they have made in the lives of our graduates. I know that this year has been a challenge for our students and teachers, and I'm proud of all you've accomplished. Thanks to all who have generously sponsored the graduation events at Four Winds Field, particularly Teachers Credit Union, South Bend Cubs, and South Bend Education Foundation.

June is Pride Month. As we remember the uprising at the Stonewall Inn 52 years ago, we commemorate the movement that has made lasting changes within our country and world. While the LGBTQ+ community still suffers prejudice and hatred, we have come a long way in celebrating our identity. To all of our LGBTQ+ community, thank you for your spirit and strength. I am honored to lead and work within a district that is committed to real equity and am grateful for your ongoing commitment to abolishing discrimination and injustice. The South Bend Community School Corporation is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its employees and students. It is imperative that everyone in our community, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders. In a special way, we recognize the work of Frank Kameny, renowned astronomer and president of the Mattachine Society, Ernestine Eppenger, the first African American to march for LGBTQ rights, and Bayard Rustin, dear friend and confidant of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Looking forward to seeing you this weekend at Four Winds Field.

Sincerely,

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

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

