



July 23, 2021

Dear SBCSC families,

At Riley High School on Wednesday, I met with our district principals to discuss plans for the year ahead. We are eager to get this school year underway, and are looking forward to a year of making a difference in our children, classrooms, educators, and community. We are setting challenging goals, and we are ready to make them as a team. I'm honored to work together with this talented group of leaders, and believe that this year will be our best yet.

We have had outstanding feedback from many parents whose children partook in the wrestling program held at Madison STEAM Academy. I want to thank principal Amanda Chionacky for hosting this program, and our high school wrestling coaches Andre Scruggs, John Adams High School; Jason Holecheck, Washington High School; William Flatt, Riley High School; Adam O'Neil, Clay High School; Athletic Director, Al Hartman, Clay High School; and Athletic Director Wesley Lee, Dickinson Fine Arts Academy, for their work with these children. Thanks also to Milt Lee for spearheading this initiative. I'm looking forward to hearing more about these ongoing opportunities for new athletics for our elementary students in the fall.

Monday morning of next week, many of our teachers and staff will be gathering at Clay High School for Foundations Day for Restorative Justice, marking the kickoff of Restorative Week. I'm thankful for the work of Kathe Streater, our restorative justice and youth leadership coordinator, for arranging this important event.

We will celebrate our summer school graduates on Friday, August 6, at Adams High School. Congratulations to these students and their teachers. I can't wait to celebrate these students with their families.

Help spread the word about our Backpack Giveaway on Saturday, August 7, at Brown Community Learning Center. We will also offer COVID vaccinations that day, and are looking forward to helping provide our students with supplies and accessories for the year to come.

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