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Dear SBCSC families,

In honor of teacher appreciation week, I want to thank each of our educators for all they do for our students and community. The dedication I see daily on their part continues to not only transform the lives of our students, but inspires our mission of creating a community of lifelong learners.

Unified track senior night was this past Wednesday. To this outstanding group of athletes, we admire your work, and are so glad you participated in the first year of this tremendous program.

Last night, we honored some of our most outstanding teachers at our forty-second annual Teacher of the Year ceremony. These thirty individuals are exceptional leaders in their buildings and among their peers, and I was honored to celebrate them from the auditorium at Riley High School along with Empowerment Zone Chief Dr. Cheryl Camacho, Board Vice President Leslie Wesley, and Chief Academic Officer Brandon White. Please join me in congratulating our runner up, Holly Swartz, Digital Integration Specialist at Kennedy Academy, and first place winner, Sarah Wagoner of Clay International Academy. Sarah will receive \$2,500, and Holly will be awarded \$1,500 from the Education Foundation for classroom and professional development. Congratulations to all of our winners.

I'm thrilled to announce that seven ASAP students will earn Associate of General Studies degrees next week, with another four earning Indiana College Core, 30 credit hours fully transferable to any Indiana state college. We are proud of these scholars for graduating high school a step ahead, and are grateful for this outstanding partnership with Ivy Tech.

Wednesday, May 12 at 2 p.m., we'll be joined by members of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development at Clay High School to launch our new State Earn and Learn (SEAL) program. This outstanding group is among our most courageous and selfless students. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, these students took on roles of frontline workers by partnering with local assisted living organizations. They gained valuable experience as they provided needed care for residents.

Enjoy your weekend, and thanks for an outstanding week of celebrating our teachers and students.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools