



June 25, 2021

Dear SBCSC family,

I hope you have been enjoying your first week of the official summer season. Before June draws to a close, I want to remind you of the 21st Century Scholars application deadline approaching on Wednesday, June 30. To learn more about the scholar pledge, eligibility, and all the opportunities that accompany this application, and most importantly, enroll, visit learnmoreindiana.org.

Please remember, if you haven't done so already, to take our surveys regarding our [Student Resource Officers](#) and our [Return to Learn](#) plan for the coming school year. These surveys will close on Sunday at midnight, so be sure to provide your input before then.

I want to congratulate the Riley High School family on their second consecutive year of being honored as a [Project Lead the Way Distinguished High School](#). Riley is among only 204 schools in the country to receive this award, and they are indeed deserving of it. Congratulations to outstanding Principal Shawn Henderson; their Computer Science & Technology Coordinator Ed Marang, and Kristen Haubold and Seth Ponder, Project Lead the Way instructors. Thank you for the work you've done to make the program at Riley so exceptional.

Last night, we kicked off this year's Summerfly production, [The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee](#), at Clay High School Auditorium. The cast includes students from our district's high schools and middle schools, high school students from Brandywine Public Schools, Trinity School at Greenlawn, St. Joseph Grade School and High School, and Marian High School. Thanks to Meghan Beard, Clay High Schools' fine arts coordinator, for directing this production that brings together so many students from throughout our community. Thanks also to Candace Butler for serving as vocal director; Zach Myers, pit orchestra director; and Chloe Woggins, choreography director. I highly recommend attending tonight, Saturday, and Sunday at 7 p.m. I hope you'll read the [write-up in the South Bend Tribune](#) about this special production. For a sneak peek behind the scenes, be sure to watch my video this week. I'm so proud of our amazingly talented students!

I also want to encourage you to take a look at some [recent job openings](#) within our district. This Corporation offers meaningful roles that make a difference in our city and in the lives of our students. This is going to be a great school year, and now is an ideal time to join this community of dedicated educators.

Remember that our community partners, with HealthLinc, will hold a Pfizer vaccination clinic at Four Winds Field on Wednesday, June 30 for anyone 12 and older. Call 888-580-1060 to register.

Read a book, watch a classic film, and take time to unplug this weekend. Thanks for another great week. Thank you for choosing South Bend Schools.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools