



January 15, 2021

Dear SBCSC families,

The week sped by, starting with a full Board meeting agenda last Monday evening. Please join me in celebrating Stephanie Ball's new position of secretary, and in welcoming Jeanette McCullough, at-large Trustee. I also would like to thank our Chief Academic Officer, Brandon White and his team for their presentation and plan to allow our middle and high school students to return safely to the hybrid curriculum starting Tuesday, January 19. To work alongside such dedicated and knowledgeable leadership is an honor, and I am deeply grateful for all of and what you do to bring about meaningful education and support for our students and community.

On Monday, our offices and schools are closed in observance of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Please know that additional meal distribution will be available to students today 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Harrison Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Monroe Elementary, Muessel Elementary, Navarre Middle, and Washington High, in preparation for the three day weekend.

Dr. King wrote that "The function of education...is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically...Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." Thank you to all of our educators, staff, parents, and leaders for your work in helping our learners embrace and carry out his mission.

Tonight, I'll be at Adams High School to see the boys' basketball team compete with Washington High School and celebrate their Senior Night; followed by Adams Hockey Senior night at the Ice Box on Saturday. I'm looking forward to a great game, and congratulate our seniors for great seasons during a challenging year.

As always, take some time to read this weekend. I'm still completing the middle school Battle of the Books list: *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson and *Roll with It*, by Jamie Sumner, and am getting ready to begin *Ghost in the School Yard* by Eve Ewing. Remember to keep up with social distancing, hand washing, and wearing your mask. Thank you for another great week, everyone.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools