



April 9, 2020

Dear SBCSC families,

With another week of eLearning under our belts, I want to provide an encouraging note about the number of students from every school who are engaged and actively participating in lesson plans through eLearning. The surveys indicate a large percentage of our students are, indeed, engaged in digital learning. I want to thank all teachers, parents, and students for your flexibility and commitment to this process.

As you know, schools across Indiana will remain closed for the rest of the school year. This situation is particularly painful for our seniors, whose graduation plans are tenuous. While graduation has not yet been cancelled and we continue to work with the Department of Health and the Governor's Office, we still want to make the most out of this school year for our Class of 2020. I've met virtually with a group of them to brainstorm ideas for potential alternative graduation ceremonies. I've also encouraged all seniors to send in their ideas for consideration and we'll launch a senior survey next week. Together with the seniors and other administrators, we'll evaluate options and will keep you posted when plans are confirmed.

There will be changes to meal distributions starting on Monday, April 13. These changes are being made to reduce the chances of spreading the virus and having people leave their homes every day for food. All school sites will distribute food only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 to 1, but we will provide food in bulk -- up to three or four days' worth of food at a time -- so we reduce the chances of spreading the virus by having people out every day. Food for weekends will also be provided on Thursdays.

Finally, we miss you and look forward to seeing you all again in person in the fall. In the meantime, please stay safe, wash your hands often, practice social distancing, and stay healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Todd Cummings", is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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