



June 19, 2020

Dear SBCSC families,

Today we commemorate the day that, 155 years ago, ended slavery some two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Yesterday, we celebrated with our DREAMers a tremendous victory as our Supreme Court voted in favor of keeping them safe from deportation. Also this week, our Supreme Court issued a ruling that bans discrimination by employers against transgender individuals and gay individuals. As a community of educators, we continue to stand in solidarity with all who work for equality and justice.

Hosted by Joshua Short at WNDU, I had the honor of joining SBPD Chief of Police Scott Ruzkowski; Tyree Bonds, brother of Eric Logan; 3rd District Council Member Sharon McBride; former Notre Dame women's basketball coach Muffett McGraw; and other city leaders and activists for an open discussion about race in our community on Tuesday evening. I am grateful to have been given this opportunity to listen and take part in this crucial conversation. As educators, we must do everything we can to bring about unity and understanding within our classrooms, on our streets, and throughout our city.

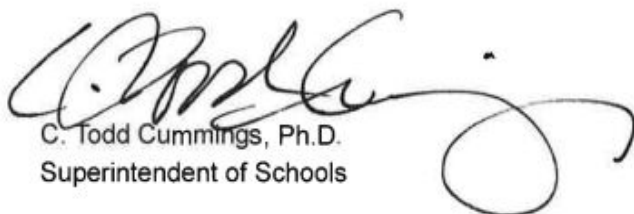
I also want to remind you that schools will be accessible on July 1 for our teachers and staff. Students will be able to retrieve their personal belongings, return musical instruments and library books, and more on July 7, 8, and 9, with the 15th reserved as a day for those who are not able to attend the previously designated dates. Please know that our principals will be in touch with any other important details.

Our student, staff, and parent survey has been launched. We ask for your feedback as we plan our reopening of the district. We'd love to hear from you.

Finally, please join me for a virtual "Talks with Todd" at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 30 on Facebook Live. I look forward to hearing from you.

Enjoy the first official days of summer this weekend, and be sure to stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools