

August 13, 2021

Dear SBCSC families,

What a great first week of school! Even with rain and thunderstorms, we had a fantastic time welcoming students to classrooms. Thanks to our principals, teachers, maintenance staff, groundskeepers, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, counselors, nurses, food and nutrition staff, and all who went above and beyond to make these first days back so great for our students. And to our parents and guardians, thank you for entrusting us with your children. This is an incredible community to grow and learn within, and I want to thank you for joining us. Each one of them is a special contribution to who we are as a district, and I know this year has good things in store for us.

Congratulations to Ms. Susan Davis, first grade teacher at Clay International Academy who was named a finalist for the 2022 Indiana Teacher of the Year Award. We are delighted to hear of this recognition, and I believe that Ms. Davis is truly deserving of the honor.

Join us in person Monday evening at Edison Middle School for our Board meeting or follow along on our YouTube page.

I encourage all of you who are eligible to get your COVID-19 vaccination to keep our community safe. If you want to find out more and learn of a location near you, visit <u>ourshot.in.gov</u>.

In the coming weeks, we will hold community input meetings to hear your thoughts about where the CARES/ESSER funds and referendum money will best serve our students and educators.

Wednesday, August 18, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Western Branch Public Library, 611 Lombardy Drive Wednesday, August 25, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Kroc Center, 900 W. Western Avenue Wednesday, September 1, 5:30 - 7 p.m., River Park Branch Public Library, 2022 E. Mishawaka Avenu

Remember to read a book, watch a classic film, and listen to an album.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

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