

January 22, 2021

Dear SBCSC families,

It was wonderful to see our secondary students return to the hybrid schedule this week, and I'm grateful for all that our teachers, administrators, staff, and students have been doing to keep our district and community safe. We miss having our students in the classroom full time, but I know that together, and with the coming vaccines, we'll be there again soon.

I'm happy to share that last week, students at Jackson Middle School received Project Lead the Way's (PLTW) Community Celebration Award. Together with Principal Tiana Batiste Waddell, PLTW Coordinator Lisa Anderson, teachers, and Steve Fidler, CEO of Kuert Concrete, our students worked to design and create specialized CAPR helmet clips for health care providers at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center to make the helmets fit correctly. Using a computer-aided design (CAD) app on their Chromebooks, students created a design that was printed on Jackson's 3D printer.

On Thursday, we celebrated Washington High School senior night as the girls' basketball team competed against Jimtown. Tonight at Riley High School, the girls' basketball team will play Clay High School. Just a week after Washington senior A'leia Hall placed fifth in the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling Association State Finals, I want to recognize our female athletes for their amazing work this year. We wish all of you the best of luck.

Please remember to join the School Board of Trustees and me during our meeting on Monday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. The event will be live-streamed on our district YouTube channel. You are invited to submit comments to boardcomments@sb.school.

As always, take some time to read this weekend. I'm nearing the end of the middle school Battle of the Books list. We're so proud of our middle school team members. I'll be finishing *Scar Island* by Dan Gemeinhart and *Ghosts in the Schoolyard* by Eve Ewing. Take time to watch a classic film or listen to an album. Keep washing your hands often, stay six feet apart, and wear your mask, everyone! Thanks for another great week.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools