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Dear SBCSC Families,

As we look ahead to the three-day weekend, I hope you will join me in honoring and reflecting upon Dr. King's dream, and considering how peace might begin with each of us, in our own words and actions. Dr. King's philosophy of nonviolence is especially relevant for our community today, and his words and wisdom continue to bring us hope and inspiration as we work toward healing and fostering peace within our schools and city.

As you know, a student was injured in an altercation on Tuesday morning at Adams High School. We continue to keep the students, families, and teachers impacted in our thoughts. The trauma of this incident has touched many students, families, and teachers. I know many of you have unanswered questions. This was an isolated event, and I want you to know that our foremost priority remains the safety of our students. All are asked to use our anonymous [QuickTip portal](#) or speak up if you suspect someone or something could jeopardize the safety of our community in any way.

I'd like to express my gratitude to the South Bend Police Department and our School Resource Officers for their presence and thoughtfulness not only at Adams High School but throughout the district. Thank you to all of our students, educators, and employees who build a welcoming and safe district of lifelong learners.

On Wednesday evening, we were treated to a performance by Clay High School orchestra, jazz, and concert band. Thank you to our talented musicians, and thank you to Mr. Harrington and Mr. Myers, as well as Ms. Ronfeldt for their leadership in Clay's Music Department.

We're celebrating our senior athletes this week. Varsity Washington and Adams girls basketball teams compete this evening, a home game for Washington, who is also celebrating their exceptional group of seniors. Also, Riley Girls Basketball will have their senior night this evening at home as they compete against New Prairie. Then tomorrow night, Friday, Adams High School is honoring their senior hockey players at the IceBox as they compete against Penn High School. Clay's wrestling team celebrated on Thursday. To all of our outstanding seniors: Congratulations and great work this season!

Tomorrow, Riley High School 9th grader Nyisha Gindelberger will wrestle at the state competition in Kokomo. Nyisha is the first female wrestler from Riley to compete at state, and we are wishing her the very best of luck.

Please keep doing your best to stay healthy as we see the numbers of positive COVID cases rising. Wear a mask, wash your hands often, and maintain social distance. Stay home if you have symptoms. [For more information see SBCSC COVID-19 Updates.](#)

Remember to read a book, watch a classic film, and listen to an album this weekend. Have a restful three-day weekend, and thank you for choosing South Bend Schools.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools