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March "Madness" Across Sylvania!

As we work our way through the busy month of March, inching closer and closer towards a much deserved spring break, our days are filled with activity, interactions, and self-defined but differentiated "madness" all across our district. Energy levels are high, weather goes from spring-like to winter-like in the same day, and most of the time the recipe is just right to create madness for all of us! Madness, although at times can come with a negative connotation, also brings thrills, challenges, and unexpected excitement just as this year's Men's NCAA March Madness Tournament has already created for those basketball fans out there. Most of those I've talked to watched their brackets bust after round one this year! LOL . . .

My madness has built from many ups and downs over the past month. As the challenge of keeping our students safe in an ever-changing society affects our schools, much of our time lately at the district and board level has focused on safety and security efforts. With all the talk from adults of how we can and should do more to keep students safe, I have been incredibly impressed when I take a minute to listen and watch our students deal with this "madness." Taking time to grasp their reactions throughout this month and watching them turn sorrow and fear into a drive to make a change in the world has left me, and all around me, proud. This month has brought a time of learning, a time of reflection, and moments of strong leadership. Our five secondary buildings all participated in the nationwide walk out on March 14th. Watching and hearing the student leaders at both Northview and Southview take charge with strong statements in words and action was a "madness" I would gladly join again anytime. Seniors Riley Runnels from Northview and Jordan Topoleski from Southview helped lead this charge and have spent time meeting with board members, administrators, and even state representatives and state senators to help Sylvania's message be heard. *#Impressive* to say the least!

Taking a minute to recognize and celebrate success also shines a positive light on our madness. From spending time with some amazing students in Kami Blakeman's classroom as an "Undercover Supt" at Central Trail, watching students at Whiteford participate in enrichment day with strong community partners, and honoring the 2018 class of inductees, our teacher of the year and the Legacy Award winner at the Academic Excellence Hall of Fame last Friday night, these experiences show us just how much hard work and success happens across Sylvania everyday.

Madness comes in all shapes and sizes. It can be a little crazy, but it can also be an unexpected reward. Take time to enjoy your madness Sylvania . . . thanks for all you do everyday for our kids! Have a wonderful and relaxing spring break!

-Adam



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SALUTE TO EDUCATION

THE SYLVANIA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOULD LIKE TO
RECOGNIZE EDUCATORS THAT HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN
THE PAST YEAR. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE NOMINATED BY THEIR PRINCIPAL FOR
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION OF TIME, TALENT AND EFFORT.

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