

Taking Teamwork Lessons to the Classroom

Team effort. While the term is athletic in nature, it certainly applies to far more than sporting activities.

The "team effort" bar has been raised to incredible new heights with the performance of Indianapolis and other parts of the state in serving as host of Super Bowl XLVI. While there was that football game at Lucas Oil Stadium that attracted more than 111 million viewers, the 10-day spotlight on the national and global stage will have significant long-lasting impact.

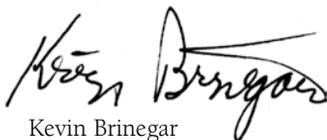
The business leaders who generously provided the initial financial resources to help bring the event here, the Super Bowl committee staff, thousands of volunteers and all Hoosiers who rolled out the welcome mat showed what could be accomplished by working together. The world now knows what many of us have enjoyed throughout our lifetimes – Indianapolis and Indiana are great places to live and work.

That same team effort needs to apply in so many other areas, including educating our young people. This issue of *BizVoice*® outlines some of the initiatives and challenges in both K-12 and higher education.

Our roundtable discussion (page 16) features the education and workforce goals that are part of the *Indiana Vision 2025* plan. The four participants, all deeply dedicated to making Indiana the best it can be for future generations, point to a number of changes that must take place for our state to reach its full potential. They acknowledge recent progress, but fully understand the additional steps that need to occur and that all Hoosiers must come together to achieve this victory.

It took more than four years of hard work by large numbers of people to pull off what many have called the best Super Bowl experience ever. It may take a longer timeframe and the contributions of thousands, if not millions, to ensure victory in the all-important contest of giving our young people the very best opportunity at a successful future.

Are you ready to do your part? I'm confident we all are.



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