



August 1, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

The Board of Education approved my recommended model for the start of the 2020-21 school year with an addendum and directive that the school year begin in Distance Learning. At this time, the plan is to continue in distance learning until October 30.

In this letter I want to cover four important topics – the difference between our Distance Learning program and Beloit Virtual School (BVS); Registration; Grab and Go Meals; and our Safe to Learn micro-website.

Distance Learning: School District of Beloit teachers (your child's/teen's classroom/subject teacher) will provide curriculum and instruction that includes virtual face-to-face learning, a common digital platform, video instruction, flexible office hours, and off-line learning materials. Distance Learning is available for 4K through 12th grade students.

- Four-Day instructional week
- iPads and chargers will be provided
- Parent/Guardian training on common platforms and IT will be provided
- Integrated social and emotional support provided
- Printed materials will be available
- Common digital platforms
 - Elementary: Seesaw
 - Intermediate and High School: Google Classroom

Beloit Virtual School (BVS): The School District of Beloit offers a tuition-free, comprehensive virtual school administered by an outside vendor, K-12, Inc., and overseen and supported by School District of Beloit staff. The program recommends that students have reliable WIFI, a functional computer, are currently performing at grade level in math and reading and are not credit deficient.

- Administered and taught by K-12, Inc. teachers
- Students must commit to one hour of studying/work per course, per day
- Students will be able to switch out of this program and return to distance learning at the quarter, if requested

Next week, we will be reaching out to you in order for you to select the program you would like to enroll your child/teen in for the start of the school year. We will be sharing this request through email and text and with a follow-up phone call. Please ensure that your contact information is updated in Skyward. If you have a question regarding Skyward, please call (608) 361-4171.



Registration: Registration **will be available** for the School District of Beloit Distance Learning Program and for Beloit Virtual School on **August 10th**.

Distance Learning: Online registration for the 2020-2021 school year will begin on August 10th. You will access online registration through our website on that date. If you do not have Skyward access, you can reach out to your child's/teen's school principal or send an email to enrollment@beloitschools.net or call (608) 361-4171. Proof of residency will be required when registering your child/teen. That can include current utility, cable, landline phone bill or lease.

Beloit Virtual School (BVS): If you select BVS for your child/teen, you will register through the district starting on August 10th.

Grab and Go Meals: Grab and Go Meals are available for pick-up Monday through Friday at all our elementary schools and at our High School from 11 am to 1 pm. We will continue this service throughout distance learning.

Our **Safe to Learn** website is live. You can access this [SITE](#) for the most up-to-date information regarding Distance Learning and the start of the 2020-2021 school year. You can access this site on every school's homepage (it is the first icon on all home pages) and on our SDB App.

As we continue to work toward a successful start of our school year, your input and feedback continues to be extremely important. I will be in touch next Sunday with another update. Please feel free to reach out to your child's/teen's school principal, should you have any specific follow-up questions.

Stay safe and healthy.

Regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser
Interim Superintendent
School District of Beloit