



August 30, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

We are looking forward to welcoming back our students on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. That is only one week and two days away – summer went by all too fast. Our teachers are preparing their classrooms, lesson plans and curriculum; our principals are ensuring that our students have a smooth and successful start to the school year; our support staff are finalizing their plans for staying connected and in touch with you and our students during Distance Learning; and our IT department is on stand-by to help and provide technical support through our Student Tech Help Desk.

In future weekly letters, I will be providing information and infographics on staying safe and healthy during COVID-19. We have set-up a COVID-19 Family Resource Directory on our Safe to Learn website with resources for our students and families. You can access that site [HERE](#). This week I have attached a child-friendly infographic on face coverings.

#### **Virtual Open House: Welcome Back Students and Families**

All schools have set the date for their Virtual Open House. Merrill and Todd Elementary hosted their Open House on Thursday, August 27th. All other elementary and intermediate schools will host their Virtual Open House on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. You will be hearing from your child's/teen's teacher for more details. Beloit Memorial High School will be releasing a Welcome Back to School Video on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and Beloit Learning Academy during the first week of school.

#### **Digital Platforms for Distance Learning: Tutorials and Help – Get Ready for September 8th**

All elementary students will be using Seesaw this fall for the delivery of curriculum during Distance Learning. We have set-up a great page of resources that include video tutorials for parents/guardians and students to preview the platform; instructions on how to access and use Seesaw; a family resource help page; and more. Please access these resources by clicking on this [LINK](#).

Our intermediate and high school students will be using Google Classroom for the delivery of curriculum during Distance Learning. As with Seesaw, we have set-up a resource page with video tutorials for parents/guardians and students; a student's quick reference guide; and much more. Please access these resources by clicking on this [LINK](#).

#### **iPad Ready for School? We're Here to Help**

If you find that your child's/teen's iPad is not working, please reach out to our Student Tech Help Desk at (608) 361-4071 or send a tech request to this [LINK](#).

#### **Need an iPad? We are Distributing iPads to Students**

Please reach out to your child's/teen's principal to arrange to pick-up an iPad for your student during the week of August 31<sup>st</sup>. This includes our Kindergarten and 4K students. Please email or call your child's/teen's school for this request.



**School Supplies: 2020-2021 Supply List**

[4K Through 3rd Grade](#)

[4th Grade Through 8th Grade](#)

**Let's Stay Connected: Registration is Still Open**

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, I will be hosting zoom webinars to connect with parents/guardians to discuss the start of the school year. While I will be presenting information, there will also be an opportunity for questions. All three webinars will provide the same information in the same format, so please select a date and time that is most convenient for you.

To Register for the September 2 Webinar at 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, please [Click Here](#).

To Register for the September 2 Webinar at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, please [Click Here](#).

To Register for the September 4 Webinar at 10:00 am to 11:00 am, please [Click Here](#).

**Meal Distribution During Distance Learning: To Begin on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

The district will resume food service under the National School Lunch (NSL) and National School Breakfast (NSB) programs on Tuesday, September 8th. Students enrolled in the traditional School District of Beloit model, regardless of in-person or distance learning, are eligible for a breakfast and lunch meal.

Meal distribution will continue at all six elementary locations and at the high school between the hours of 11 AM and 1 PM. Individuals must supply the student's name and the name of their SDB school location to receive a meal under the NSL and NSB program. The meal hotline (361-3136) is still available for students unable to pick up meals from a distribution site.

**Beloit Memorial High School Fall Sports:**

All fall sports have been postponed until the spring. For follow-up questions, please reach out to our Athletic Director, Mr. Joel Beard at [jbeard@sdb.k12.wi.us](mailto:jbeard@sdb.k12.wi.us) or visit the Athletics and Activities page on the [Safe to Learn website](#).

**Safe to Learn Website:**

You can access this [SITE](#) for the most up-to-date information regarding Distance Learning and the start of the 2020-2021 school year. The Safe to Learn website is available on every school's homepage and on our SDB App.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration with your child's/teen's education. If you have a specific question regarding the start of the school year, please reach out to your child's/teen's principal.

Together we are #BeloitProud

Sincere regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser  
Interim Superintendent  
School District of Beloit