



July 19, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

We know that the start of the school year is not going to be anywhere close to how past school years have started. As I recently shared with the School District staff, our world has turned upside down since March and continues to shift weekly. I understand how challenging the past few months have been for our families and our students. I thank you for your continued support and collaboration in your child's/teen's education.

Since March the School District has been evaluating surveys, collecting data, talking with our teachers, administrators, support staff, students, families, the Board of Education and the Beloit Education Association (BEA), while consulting with the Rock County Health Department, the city of Beloit and following and adhering to the guidance shared by the CDC. Please know that we take the goal of creating a plan that will support a model for learning and the start of our 2020/2021 school year very seriously and diligently. As with everything we undertake, the safety and well-being of our students and staff is our number one priority.

In keeping you updated, I want you to know that I plan to share our proposed model for the start of school year to the Board of Education on Tuesday, July 28 at their 7 pm meeting for their consideration and approval. You can view this presentation by connecting with our YouTube Channel on that date. Here is a **LINK**. I will also share a copy of this plan (should it be approved) immediately following the meeting through our district-wide messaging system (voice, email, text) and through our SDB app and district website. If you need help updating your contact information in our Skyward system, please call (608) 361-4171.

Currently, I can share that the model and subsequent plan being developed will have clear expectations about the use of PPE, as well as protocols for student and staff safety. Furthermore, we will be using the Rock County Health department resources to determine best practices for maintaining a healthy and safe school environment. Additionally, we are currently awaiting their recommended criteria for when the district should close a school, schools, or our district. That will be an important component for the opening of our schools.

I have our communications department creating a micro website to be connected to our district's website for families, students, staff and community to see all the work being done prior to the start of this school year. This will be the best location for updated information and resources. I will let you know when this is available.

Thank you for your continued dedication and passion to the School District of Beloit. My next update will be shared on Sunday, July 26. Together we are #BeloitProud.

Sincere regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser  
Interim Superintendent  
School District of Beloit