



March 7, 2021

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

As I shared in an update on Tuesday, March 2, the Board of Education unanimously voted to return to in-person learning through a cohort model during Term 4. We sent out an email through Skyward to all families, asking you to select a learning model for your child /teen. To help with your decision-making for Term 4, we shared a Family Guide Book that outlines and defines both the in-person cohort model option and the distance learning option.

Family Guide Book:

To access the link to the family guide, please click [HERE](#). Hard copies of the Family Guide area available at all schools. If you would like a hard copy, please call your child's or teen's school to make arrangements to pick one up. You can also access the Family Guide on the homepage of our websites and SDB App.

The due date for your response for which learning option you are selecting for your child or teen is **Wednesday, March 10**. Please access your [Skyward](#) account to make this selection.

Register for a Webinar Update:

I am hosting three webinars to go over our two options for Term 4: the in-person cohort learning model and distance learning. Registration is required, and I have provided the links to register for the webinars:

- [Wednesday, March 24 at 9:00 am \(English\)](#)
- [Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 pm \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Thursday, March 25 at 6:30 pm \(English\)](#)

We Support our Teachers:

The School District of Beloit and the Board of Education respect and admire the dedication, compassion, and passion of our teachers and support staff. As the last several months have shown, our teachers are resilient, creative, and strong. They are committed to engaging our students in learning while caring for their social and emotional wellbeing. They make a difference in the lives of our students and families through their ability to continue to teach and care for students, despite the many challenges this pandemic has brought with it. We want you to know we are grateful and thankful and truly appreciate how hard you work for our District and students.

Naming Our Food Trucks:

In a recent online contest, the School District of Beloit asked students to help name our two food trucks. We received dozens and dozens of awesome suggestions. We selected the top five submitted entries, and now we need your help!

We encourage you to vote for your favorite Food Truck name. The two names with the most votes will be used to name our food trucks! The students who submitted the winning names will be recognized and honored in a media release, Facebook post, and with a fun prize basket. [Vote Today](#).



Upcoming Testing:

Spring always brings with it the season of testing in the world of education.

Last year, Governor Tony Evers *Stay at Home Order* canceled all state and federal testing. As of today, the federal and state governments have not granted districts any flexibility regarding testing. As a result, we are making plans to complete all required tests throughout March, April, and May.

Specific information regarding upcoming tests will be shared by building principals. We appreciate and know that standardized testing is typically not the favorite activity of students or teachers. However, the data we receive from these tests is invaluable and informs us as we make curricular and instructional decisions.

Preparing for School and Testing Days:

I always encourage students to get a good night's sleep during the school year. It is so important for our students to start the day ready to learn; even more so in Distance Learning. For elementary students, it is recommended that they get at least nine hours of sleep per night and for teen's at least eight hours of sleep.

Along with a good night's sleep, proper nutrition is just as important. Jump starting the day with a good breakfast allows for better concentration and increased energy to sustain classroom participation and lessons. We continue to provide Grab and Go breakfast and lunch meals at all our elementary schools from 11 am to 1:30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Delivery of these meals is available by calling (608) 361-3136.

As always, please reach out to your child's or teen's principal or teacher with any concerns you may have regarding assignments, classes, or Distance Learning.

Sincere regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser
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School District of Beloit