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Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

It is a privilege and honor to be selected as the permanent Superintendent for our School District. I am excited for what the future holds for your child and our District. This has certainly been a challenging year for our students and staff, and I understand the difficulties many of our families have faced. I sincerely appreciate the many sacrifices you have made to collaborate with us in your child's education.

As I move the District forward, I am committed to inclusion and equity and ensuring each student's right to receive a quality education and a positive social and emotional experience at school. My team and I will stay focused on what is important – our (your) student's academic achievement and wellbeing.

Over the next few months, the District will begin creating a vision and strategic plan for our future with the help of staff, families, the Board of Education, and our community. There is much to accomplish as we recover and rebuild from this pandemic. I am fortunate to work with such an amazing staff who your child(ren) calls teacher, principal, para, school secretary, school nurse, etc. Please know that they are working tirelessly to continue to engage your child(ren) in learning.

I am grateful for your support. Together we can remain #BeloitProud.

**Black History Month:**

We continue to honor and celebrate our African-American community leaders, business owners, educators, first responders, civic leaders, and advocates in our region. This past week we celebrated Mrs. Barbara Hickman, Mr. Terell Parks, Mr. Kevin Leavy, Ms. Bria Stephens, and Pastor OJ Newburn, Sr. Follow our [Facebook Page](#) to learn more about the individuals or to view leaders we will highlight this week. Or check out our [News Tab](#) on our website.

**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 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.



Any support you can give to make sure that your child/teen are present on testing days while encouraging them to do their best on the test would be greatly appreciated by everyone in the district.

**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  
Interim Superintendent  
School District of Beloit