



January 31, 2021

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

Tomorrow is the first day of February. How can that be? As we continue to progress toward Term 4, I wanted to update you on all the District is doing (and has done) to prepare.

At last Tuesday's Board of Education meeting, and as part of my Superintendent's report, I presented an update on a cohort model, staff and student devices, cleaning protocols, safety and health protocols, and much more. You can access the slide presentation [HERE](#). If you are interested in hearing the presentation, please visit our [YouTube Channel](#); I have initiated the link to begin at my presentation.

### **Black History Month:**

We begin the celebration of Black History Month on Monday, February 1. The origins of Black History month began in 1915 by Carter G. Woodson. According to [ASALA](#), Association for the study of African American Life and History, "Woodson chose February for reasons of tradition and reform. It is commonly said that Woodson selected February to encompass the birthdays of two great Americans who played a prominent role in shaping black history, namely Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, whose birthdays are the 12th and the 14th, respectively."

During the month of February, we will honor and celebrate our African-American community leaders, business owners, educators, first responders, civic leaders, and advocates in our region. Please be sure to check the homepage of our website and our Facebook Page to learn more about the individuals we will highlighting on Mondays and Wednesdays during February.

### **4K Enrollment: Begins on February 1**

The School District of Beloit understands and recognizes the importance of a positive 4K learning experience. It starts a child off on the right foot for future success and prepares them for Kindergarten.

Research shows and demonstrates that 4K helps children develop positive social skills, early literacy, math skills, and ensures that they begin Kindergarten prepared and ready to learn. Our 4K teachers create engaging learning environments for our littlest learners that promote social and emotional growth and academic success. From hands-on learning centers that encourage science, math, and reading to hands-on experiences in the arts, including drama, music, and visual arts, our 4K program is comprehensive and child-focused. Visit or [Website](#) or call (608) 361-4077 to learn more about our free, all-day 4K program.

### **Update from Second Harvest:**

Rock County Food Share Specialist, LaShima Grosskopf, from Second Harvest reached out to our District to share this information: "We know that this time is uncertain for a lot of families and food insecurities are very real. I would like to assist families within the School District of Beloit to navigate this system and hopefully alleviate some of the food burdens that some may be experiencing." Please feel free to reach out to LaShima through phone or text at (608) 630-1181 or through her email address at [LaShimaG@shfbmadison.org](mailto:LaShimaG@shfbmadison.org)



**School District of Beloit App: It's Free**

The School District of Beloit's mobile app will keep you connected with your student's school news, alerts, distance learning and more. The app delivers real time school news to your smart device for fast, up-to-date access. School news in the palm of your hand, your School District of Beloit mobile app is just a few taps away.

- From a smart device, go to the App Store or Google Play
- Search School District of Beloit
- Select School District of Beloit app to download it for free!

**Free Counseling Available During COVID-19:**

Has COVID-19 impacted you or a loved one? There is a resource in Project Recovery that can help. Crisis Counselors are available free of charge to meet your emotional needs. For more information, please call 2-1-1 and ask for Project Recovery. Or you can visit their [Website](#).

**iPad and Chromebook Support:**

We continue to receive positive feedback on our iPad and Chromebook support sessions at the Beloit Public Library. We are at the library every Thursday from 11 am to 7 pm to offer students and families assistance with navigating iPads, Chromebooks, and apps. School District of Beloit Spanish Interpreters will be available, and no appointment is necessary.

Enjoy the rest of your afternoon.

Sincere regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser  
Interim Superintendent  
School District of Beloit