



May 23, 2021

Good Morning School District of Beloit Families,

This past school year has been one of resilience, growth, determination and challenges. I want to personally thank all of you for your continued and unwavering support of your child's education. This was not a year any of us could have imagined, and together we have overcome so much. Know that we are working and planning for an enriching and engaging Summer School program and will continue with that work as we look to the start of the 2021/2022 school year. We anticipate and look forward to having all our students back in school full-time and in person this fall, with Board approval.

This will be my final letter of this school year, but I will continue to provide you with updates and information throughout the summer months as we prepare for the start of the 2021/2022 school year. All of my weekly letters are housed on the [Superintendent's webpage](#) for easy reference.

2021 YWCA Rock County Women of Distinction

Since 1975, the YWCA Rock County Women of Distinction Awards has honored more than 250 individuals and organizations who have improved women's lives through community service, professional achievement, integrity, leadership, and dedication to the well-being of others.

Congratulations to **Robin Bye**, Student Data Coordinator, and **Rosamaria Laursen**, Biliteracy Instructional Leadership Coordinator, recipients of the 2021 Women of Distinction Award. These women are role models and leaders within our District and within our community. Please take a moment to congratulate them on their recognition. The YWCA Rock County will host its 46th Annual Women of Distinction Awards on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 5:30 pm at the Glen Erin Golf Club/Celtic House in Janesville. More information is available on the YWCA [website](#).

Masks

We will continue to follow the recommendation by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) that masks be worn within schools buildings. We are committed to the health and well-being of our students and staff at all times.

COVID-19 Testing Sites at Beloit Memorial, Merrill, and McNeel

Beginning Monday, May 24, we will offer PCR COVID-19 testing to our students and staff and their household members. The PCR test is a nasal swab and is the most accurate and reliable test for diagnosing COVID-19. Testing will occur on Monday and Thursdays at these schools:

Beloit Memorial High School

from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at the Civic Center door by south parking lot by the theater

Merrill Elementary School

from 7:30 am to 8:30 am at door 7

McNeel Intermediate School

from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at south parking lot

You will **not** have to leave your car; testing will be administered at your car. If you do not have a car, you can walk-up to the testing tent at the designated location at Beloit Memorial High School, Merrill Elementary School and McNeel Intermediate School. (see above)



Pfizer Vaccine Clinic at Beloit Memorial High School

The School District of Beloit will offer a vaccine clinic on **Wednesday, June 2** for all eligible School District of Beloit students aged 12 and above at Beloit Memorial High School Barkin Arena.

In order to have your child vaccinated, please register and complete [this google form](#) by **May 26**. Upon completion of this form, you will get additional detailed information from your child's school health office. Walk-ins will not be accepted, you must register and complete the google form. Vaccines are ordered a head of time and therefore we need an accurate count of the number of students being vaccinated.

The vaccine has an effective rate of 95%, which means it is extraordinarily effective in protection from the virus. The more of us that get vaccinated, the better chance we have of keeping our family, community, and ourselves safe.

Grab and Go Meals

Wednesday, June 9

We will continue with our Wednesday distribution of seven-day meals packs through Wednesday, June 9th. **This is the last day of our delivery service.** With Summer School starting soon, we will allocate buses to transporting eligible students to and from school.

June 16 through August 18

We will provide five-day meal packs of breakfast and lunch every Wednesday at all our elementary schools. Pick-up is between 11 am and 1:30 pm.

June 22 through July 29: Additional Meals Available

During our Summer School sessions, **we will also provide daily (Monday through Friday) breakfast and lunch Grab and Go Meals** from 11 am to 1:30 pm at Hackett, Merrill, Robinson, Cunningham, and Fruzen.

June 14 through August 6: Additional Meals Available

Beloit Memorial High School **will also provide daily (Monday through Friday) breakfast and lunch Grab and Go Meals** from 11 am to 1:30 pm beginning on June 14 through August 6 from 11 am to 1:30 pm.

All children aged one to 18 in our community are eligible to receive these meals.

One Million Meals Provided: Feeding our Community of Children

On Wednesday, May 19, our School District shared the news that we provided our one millionth meal. Since the onset of the pandemic in March of 2020, our District has made a commitment to feed all children aged one to 18. Nutritious and healthy breakfast and lunch meals were picked-up and delivered on a weekly basis to families and children in need.

This milestone is a result of a coordinated effort by staff volunteers, Aramark, and Durham. The one million meals included more than 48,000 gallons of milk, 60 pounds of fresh vegetables per family, and 411,000 servings of fruit, to name just a few items. More than 269,000 of those meals were delivered to the homes of children.



Todos Unidos Event: Thursday, May 27

The School District of Beloit Todos Unidos program is hosting a virtual event to provide information on our 2021 Summer School. Families will have the opportunity to attend a Spanish or English session. To attend please join this [Google Meet](#) (Spanish) from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm and [Google Meet](#) (English) from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 27.

Summer School: Register Today!

Our **in-person, five-day-a-week** program will be fun, engaging, and a positive experience for our students. Dual Language Immersion is also available for Summer School. Check out the Summer School [webpage](#) for the most up-to-date information and connect with Skyward to register.

Elementary and Intermediate Summer School starts on June 22 with session 1.
High School Summer School starts on June 14.

Mental Health Awareness Month

According to the NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illnesses) website, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. During May, NAMI joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health. "Each year we fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families." You can access many resources on the [NAMI website](#). We also offer many resources and supports through our [school counselors](#), [school psychologists](#), and school [social workers](#).

Help for Internet Services is Available

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an [online](#) or mail-in application. You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting this [website](#) or calling 833-511-0311.

Sharing a Video by the Woman Fund

Robin Stuht, Homeless Liaison for the School District of Beloit and the Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force asked that we share [this video](#) with our parents and guardians. This is a difficult topic but creating awareness can make a difference in the life of those affected. Help is available.

We look forward to ending the school year strong.

Sincere regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser
Superintendent
School District of Beloit