



September 13, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

We started the school year on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> with much excitement and enthusiasm. I want to personally thank you for your effort, organization, and helpfulness in working with your child(ren) and teen(s) to help kick-off a successful first week of Distance Learning. Thank you also for sharing all your back to school photos on our Facebook page. It was a highlight of mine to see all the photos of our students looking happy and ready to learn!

I continue to speak and meet with our Principals, Teachers, and Leadership Teams to ensure that we will continue to deliver curriculum, social and emotional support, and positive academic engagement during our time in Distance Learning. Please be sure to refer to our [Safe to Learn](#) website for all current updates and information. We continue to update our COVID-19 Family Resource Directory for our students and families. You can access that site [Here](#).

Last week I hosted three webinars with our School District families. I have received positive feedback on our first attempt at webinars, and I appreciated everyone's participation with questions. I am looking forward to continuing these throughout the year. I have posted the slide deck from the webinars on the Superintendent's homepage for your review: [Slide Deck](#).

I have decided to add a Community Resource and Update section to each of my weekly letters. We have many community partners that have reached out to our District and I look forward to sharing their information with you. Please be sure to connect with these partners for added support.

**Community Partner Update:  
Beloit Public Library**

The Beloit Public Library is offering free online tutoring to everyone with a library card. Need help with homework? Have a question? You can interact with a live tutor. Tutors are trained to not provide answers, but to help users master a problem's underlying academic concept. Tutoring services are offered in Spanish and English. When you click on the link, enter your library card number and your PIN. If you have forgotten your PIN, please reach out to the library for help at (608) 364-2905. [Link](#)

**Stateline Family YMCA**

Does your school-age child need somewhere to go during the day while you are at work? The Stateline Family YMCA is providing a safe environment for your child to participate in Distance Learning. The Stateline Family YMCA is providing a structured environment for learning, fun, and exercise. Students from Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade can enroll, and supervision is provided from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. Space is limited, so please call today if you are interested. For more information on cost and availability, please click [Here](#). Financial Aid is available through the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program and the YMCA does offer some scholarship opportunities.

**Hendrick CareerTek**

High school students, do you need a place to access WIFI during Distance Learning? Reach out to Hendricks CareerTek today! Hendricks CareerTek is supporting high school students Monday through Friday during two blocks of time – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Each block of time can accommodate up to 20 students. Students can register for a time slot and while at Hendricks CareerTek will have a space to study or work on group projects, have use of Apple and PCs during time



slots, and will have access to free WIFI. Hendricks CareerTek is supplying backpacks (while supplies last) and snacks. CDC guidelines will be followed. Reserve your spot today: [Link](#)

**Third Friday in September: Student Count**

Attending classes and participating in classroom assignments and activities are vitally important to a student’s academic and social success in school. Our teachers and staff understand the significance of daily instruction as they prepare our students for the next grade level and long-term goals such as careers, military service, college, and more. Just as important as student achievement is accurate enrollment numbers that help the district plan/project for adequate and appropriate staffing levels. Friday, September 18 is Wisconsin’s required “3rd Friday in September Student Count Day” when every school in Wisconsin is required to count their students.

Student Count Days help determine the demographics of a school/district, allowing for better access to specific programs that provide additional funding assistance based on student needs and economic status (such as USDA’s Free and Reduced Priced meal programs, state-funded grant programs). Count information is also critical to districts because each student translates into state funding—and state funding helps reduce the local tax burden on the community.

We thank you for your continued collaboration in ensuring your child/teen is attending school every day. Please reach out to your child’s/teen’s principal for follow-up questions.

**Preparing for School:**

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.

**Grab and Go Meals: Continue Monday through Friday (with weekend food available)**

While in Distance Learning we will continue our Grab and Go meals. All children in our community ages one through 18 are eligible to receive breakfast and lunch meals from 11 am to 1 pm at all our elementary schools and Beloit Memorial High School. On Fridays, we will be providing two additional breakfast and lunch meals for children to have during the weekend.

**iPad Ready for School? We’re Here to Help**

If you find that your child’s/teen’s iPad is not working, please reach out to our Student Tech Help Desk at (608) 361-4071 or send a tech request to this [LINK](#). Please reach out to your child’s/teen’s principal to arrange to pick-up an iPad for your student, if your student needs one. This includes our 4K and Kindergarten students. Please email or call your child’s/teen’s school for this request.

Please continue to stay healthy during this time. Together we are #BeloitProud.

Sincere regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser  
Interim Superintendent  
School District of Beloit