



September 20, 2020

Good Afternoon School District of Beloit Families,

It was nice to finally have a week of sunshine and get some time outdoors. I hope you and your family were able to enjoy the good weather, too. As we begin the start of our third week in Distance Learning, I hope that you have been able to establish a routine and have reached out to your child's or teen's teacher or principal with help and support, if needed.

Login To Classes:

Please have your child or teen login to classes using their School District of Beloit email address. For security purposes, all staff has been informed to only allow students using their School District of Beloit email address to gain access into a classroom. For specific follow-up questions, please reach out to your child's/teen's teacher.

School Health: Nurse and Health Professionals

The goal of our school nursing services is to maintain the physical, environmental and emotional wellness of students so that they are prepared to learn and achieve academic success. The health services team wants to ensure that they continue to support our students and families during Distance Learning.

Getting the right health information is vital, and the skills and resources of a trained healthcare professional such as a nurse can be one of the most effective ways to get the information you need. Sometimes you may need a quick answer to a health issue that doesn't require immediate medical treatment or a physician visit. That's why the School District of Beloit is offering virtual school health appointments.

By connecting with your school health professional, you can have a person to person contact with someone who can respond to your basic health questions. Our school health professions can address concerns such as your child's symptoms; medications and side effects; how to connect with self-help and support groups; how to connect with a local physician; how to access hospital resources; when to go to the doctor; when to go to the emergency room; wellness information; and COVID-19 resources.

Please contact your child's or teen's <u>School Health Office</u> for more information and to connect by phone. Please note that this appointment should not take the place of a doctor's visit, this resource is to help guide you during COVID-19.

Speak Up and Speak Out Wisconsin: (SUSO)

Created by the Wisconsin Department of Justice Office of School Safety, the Speak Up, Speak Out Resource Center is a CONFIDENTIAL and comprehensive, one-stop place to turn with important concerns.

As shared on their website, students, parents, school staff, or any community members can submit a school safety concern or threat via their website, mobile phone application, or toll-free number. Resource center staff work around-the-clock to respond to tips and to deploy a response locally by communicating directly with school administrators, law enforcement, and counselors. We have placed







the SUSO link on all our websites. To submit a tip, you can access this site under the <u>Resources Tab</u> on our District's site and under <u>COVID-19 Family Resource Tab</u> on our Safe to Learn website. You can also access our <u>Anonymous Bullying Report</u> on this site.

Upcoming Survey: We want your feedback

On Sunday, September 27th I will be sending out a survey to all School District of Beloit families. I want to hear from you regarding your family's experience with Distance Learning thus far. Your participation and feedback are very important as we continue to review our Distance Learning curriculum and delivery, communication from the district and school level, and access to WIFI and support materials.

Community Partner Update:

The Foundation for Rural Housing reached out to the School District to share information regarding their Reimbursement of Supplemental Education Expenses Program. This is a program designed to prevent, prepare, and respond to the COVID—19 pandemic. Qualified applicants can receive reimbursement of up to \$300 for supplemental educational expenses per family. To qualify you must be at or below 150% per month of the Federal Poverty Limit as designed by Housing and Urban Development. For more information on this program and qualifications, you can call (608) 291-2603 or access their Website.

Caritas Community Resource Center provides a food pantry and diaper bank Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 2:15 pm (except on Thursday when they are open until 12:15 pm). For more information, you can access their <u>Website</u> or call (608) 362-4403.

Community Health Systems (CHS) is located at 74 Eclipse Center and is a Federally Qualified Health Center providing medical, dental, and behavioral health services. Their mission is Comprehensive Care for our Community and they believe that no one should go without quality, affordable medical, dental, or behavioral healthcare. They accept Medicaid and most insurances and offer flat-rate fees to those who are uninsured or underinsured. CHS never turns anyone away due to their inability to pay. Spanish translation services are available. For more information on their services, you can access their Website or call (608) 361-0311.

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 check out our Safe to Learn website for additional support including <u>Social and Emotional</u> Support and COVID-19 Family Resources. Together we are #BeloitProud.

Sincere regards,

Dr. Dan Keyser Interim Superintendent School District of Beloit

