



December 20, 2024

Dear Families, Staff, and Community Members,

As we close out 2024, I want to express our shared gratitude for the dedication and partnership of our students, staff, parents, caregivers, and community, which strive to make our schools a place of opportunity and growth. Today, we are especially reminded of the importance of creating a school district community with a shared purpose that makes us anchored for success.

I'm proud of the progress our district has shown in academic achievement. We've had 3 years of consistent growth, demonstrating an upward trend in all academic areas. We continue to lead the state in providing work-based learning opportunities for students. As a result, our students are receiving industry level certifications and credits. Our BMHS performing arts students traveled to Scotland for an international competition while our Jazz Band returned to New York for the Essentially Ellington competition for the 12th time – a big shout out to all who participate in activities and athletics. I would also like to acknowledge the challenging work students, teachers, families, the school board, and our administration have done to accomplish these gains for our district.

Looking ahead, 2025 will set the stage for an important new chapter. Over the past several months, we've engaged with families, staff, community members, and the [Wisconsin Policy Forum](#) to refine our understanding of our district's challenges and identify solutions that reflect our collective priorities. These voices will continue to be instrumental in shaping a potential referendum package, which the School Board will consider in January. We invite you to stay connected with this process on our [website](#) and future referendum webpage. In the New Year, we will have a clarified referendum request package, data, and insights available for your review. In the meantime, our work with our School Board will continue to address improvement opportunities.

In closing, remember to celebrate the success of our students, teachers, and our Beloit community. We all know that the success of our students and staff is a shared priority. Let's carry that momentum into the new year to ensure every student and educator has the necessary resources and opportunities to thrive.



From our School District of Beloit family to yours, we wish you a joyful holiday season and a positive and focused start to the new year. School resumes on Monday, January 6, 2025. We look forward to seeing our students return to our schools and classrooms.

In service,

Dr. Willie E. Garrison II
School District of Beloit Superintendent