



April 24, 2020

Dear School District of Beloit Families,

I hope that this communication finds you and your family well. Governor Evers recently issued the Safer at Home Order # 28, which directs us to continue the school closure through the end of the school year. This was not an easy message for anyone to hear. However, we know that this decision will ensure greater safety for students, families, and staff.

It is important to thank you for your continued support and collaboration in Distance Learning with your child's/teen's teachers and school. Families are facing many challenges at this time and the District is committed to making sure that on-going instruction and learning is not one of them. We will continue to work with you as we navigate and enhance Distance Learning. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or principal with any concerns you have during this time.

Since the implementation of SDB Framework of Distance Learning, the District has developed and initiated many positive programs to work jointly and proactively with our families and students during this time. We will continue to do so for the remainder of this school year.

Technical Support:

During the past weeks, we distributed more than 2,000 devices for our students to access Distance Learning. The District created a Student Tech Support Help Desk that can be accessed by our families with a phone number, (608) 361-4071, or through a link on the homepage of your child's school website, should your student have technical difficulties. Check out our [Student Tech Support Help Desk](#) for more information. If your student needs a device, please contact your student's school.

Wi-Fi Access:

Earlier this week, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) launched a customer service phone line for people who need help locating phone or internet service during COVID-19.

You can speak with a PSC Consumer Affairs staff person who will walk you through internet and phone service options available in your area and discuss eligibility for discounts on critical communications services. Help includes finding internet service and discounts, eligibility for a discount on voice or bundled voice and data, and finding locations where emergency Wi-Fi has been made available. Please call **(608) 267-3595** today.

Instrument Distribution:

For our 4th through 12th grade students to continue their coursework in music, we distributed all instruments to our participating students. Please contact your student's school if you have concerns or questions regarding instruments.

Distance Learning Curriculum Updates:

All teachers and schools update their Distance Learning curriculum and assignments weekly. All school websites have active Distance Learning sites with instruction, curriculum activities, videos, and more in Spanish and English. Please access the Distance Learning materials daily on your child's school website.



The District mailed more than 4,000 learning support materials to our 4K through 5th-grade students. We have ordered 550 Kindergarten Readiness Kits for all 4K students. These kits contain developmentally appropriate books, manipulatives, and learning materials. These items will be shipped directly to our student's homes in early May. 4K students will continue to receive learning support packets via postal mail every two weeks. Please reach out to your child's teacher or school principal with specific questions related to the curriculum during Distance Learning.

Meal Distribution:

We continue to provide Grab and Go lunch and breakfast meals Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at all our elementary schools and Beloit Memorial High School. To date, we have served more than 51,000 meals.

District and School Websites | SDB App | Facebook:

Our [District Homepage](#), [COVID-19](#) Resource Page, and all school websites are updated daily with the most accurate and up-to-date information, including news and articles, talking to your child/teen about the Coronavirus, educational videos and much more.

For more immediate information, you can download the free SDB app at the iTunes Store or Google Play. Search for "School District of Beloit."

Please check out the District's or your student's school Facebook page. Daily posts include story times, family activities, community support, and resources. If you do not have a Facebook page, we share all that information on the homepage of each school's website.

Stress and Coping:

We understand that families, children, and teens may need extra support and reassurance during this time. Please feel free to reach out to our school counselors, school psychologists and social workers via email and office voicemail. You can visit the Distance Learning tab of your child's/teen's school to access student services staff contact information. Our student services staff are checking their email and voicemail routinely. They are available to help you and your child/teen.

The District is proud of the partnership that we have with our families. We appreciate the patience, the collaboration, as well as all of the new learning that our students, parents, teachers and staff have done due to the demands of the school closing. Truly, we are all in this together. We welcome your calls and contacts, and will continue to communicate with you frequently.

I hope that you and your family continue to remain healthy and safe during this time.

Take Care,

Sue Green, Interim Superintendent
School District of Beloit