

April 1, 2020

Dear School District of Beloit Families,

We hope that this communication finds you and your family well during Wisconsin Order #12, "Safer at Home." We are now experiencing a longer period of school closure with an unknown date of return to school. The District Teachers and Administrators have developed a plan to continue educational programming which will increase the rigor of instruction and expectations for learning. This letter contains information regarding timelines, student expectations, and resources for families.

We appreciate the support you are providing for your child and want to encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher and/or principal with any questions you have along the way. You can expect to receive several communications from your school principal and teachers over the next few days as we gather the information we need to plan for your child's programming. The School District of Beloit is asking you to complete a brief survey to assess your child's access to a device and/or the internet.

Thank you for your partnership during these unprecedented times. Sue Green, Interim Co-Superintendent

April 6-9 - Student device/internet access surveys completed/ Teacher preparation for Distance Learning
April 13-17 - Students complete any missing Term 3 assignments
April 20 - June 5 - Term 4
June 3, 2020 - All 12th Grade student work is due
June 5, 2020 - All 4K -11th Grade student work is due

# **Recommended Hours of Learning Time:**

9th - 12th Grade: 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - 3 hours daily 4th - 8th Grade: 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> - 2 hours daily 4K - 3rd Grade: 1 - 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours daily

# **Student Expectations**

- Students will check their emails daily
- Students will complete work for each class weekly as assigned by each teacher (activity, reflection, feedback, etc.)
- Students and families will adhere to the specific class expectations of their teachers
- Student attendance and work completion will be tracked by teachers

# **Role of the Parents**

- Parents can provide their child/teen a designated place to "attend school" and complete work and activities
- Parents can ensure that their child/teen checks in with their teachers each day
- Parents can make sure their child/teen has the tools they need to do school work
- Parents can monitor the work their child/teen is provided and reinforce completion
- Parents can help to enforce the daily recommended learning time for their child's/teen's grade level
- Parents can show an interest in their child's/teen's learning by asking questions about their assignment and what they have learned
- Parents can communicate with their child's/teen's teachers and/or principals
- Parents can continue to provide their child/teen with a healthy balance of school work and recreation, exercise and rest



# **Resources for Families**

<u>Video Conferencing Support for Families</u> <u>Video Conferencing Support for Families - Spanish</u> <u>Internet /Wifi Access</u> <u>Free Spectrum Wifi Hotspots</u> <u>Department of Public Instruction Website - Mobile Wireless Access</u> - Many cell phone providers have waived data limits. Please check this website for more details.

# School District of Beloit Mobile App

The School District of Beloit mobile app for both Apple and Android devices will launch today. Stay connected with your child's school and our district while you are abiding by Safer at Home. Our new mobile app will keep you better informed about news, distance learning programs and updates within our District. The app will deliver real-time school news to your smart device for fast, up-to-date access. Visit the District's website homepage for information on all of the additional features, and to view a how-to video.

Download the app in three easy steps:

From a smart device, go to the App Store or Google Play Search School District of Beloit Then select the School District of Beloit app for free download

# Meals

The School District of Beloit continues to provide breakfast and lunch meals for individuals between the ages of 1 and 18. Meals are available for pick up Monday through Friday, at all elementary school locations and the High School between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Individuals with physical disabilities that are unable to travel to a pick-up location should call the Food Service Hotline at (608) 361-3136 to arrange meal delivery. Delivery service is limited and should be reserved for individuals unable to make other arrangements. Calls received prior to 10:30 a.m. will receive same-day delivery service, calls received after 10:30 will be scheduled for the next business day. Someone must be home to accept the delivery.

# **Stress and Coping**

Children and teens react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children if they are better prepared.

There are many things you can do to support your child/teen; resources can be found on the district website. Additionally, school counselors & social workers are connected via email and are checking their office voicemail for messages. If additional support is needed please do not hesitate to reach out - we are here to help.