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# Model for Learning During the 2020-21 School Year Options to include In-Person Instruction

January 12, 2021  
Safe to Learn



# OVERVIEW

## OUR PRIORITIES:

### **Student and Staff Safety**

Student and Staff Safety is our number one priority at all times. In every decision and recommendation shared in this document, we have used this as the overarching expectation. This model will also reflect the recommendations and guidance provided by the Department of Public Instruction, Rock County Health Department, the City of Beloit, the CDC, and other health professionals.

### **Social and Emotional Support to Students, Families and Staff**

With a collective and collaborative approach by District Administration and Leadership, Human Resources and Pupil Services we will provide a positive and healthy work environment to the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

### **Curriculum and Instruction for Academic Success**

Leveraging the use of technology and common digital platforms to support In-Person and Distance Learning.

## OUR FOCUS:

Operations  
Curriculum and Instruction,  
Social - Emotional and Health Support  
Athletics and Activities  
Community Partners  
Communication

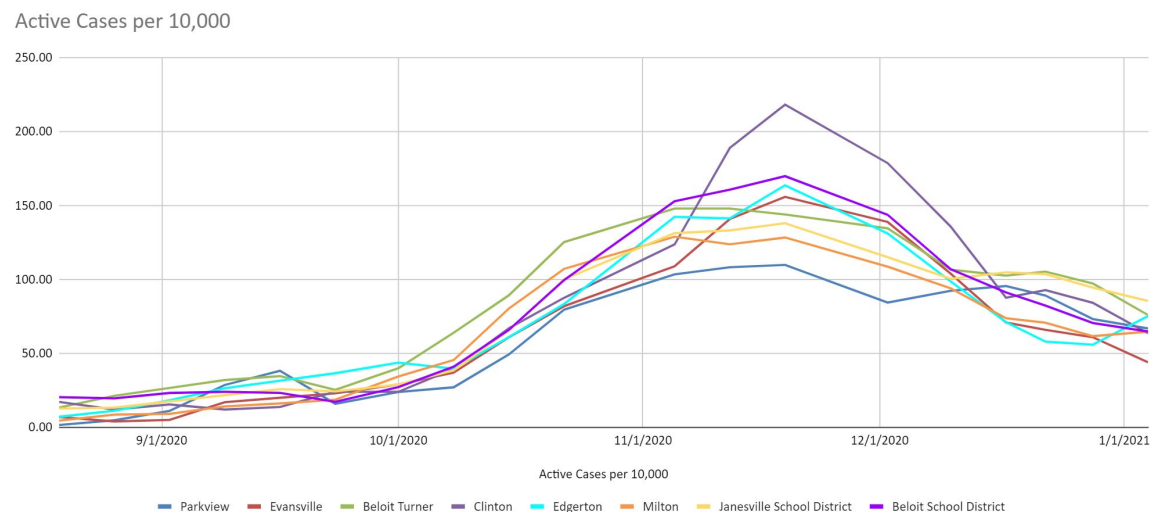
## OUR GOAL:

To deliver a comprehensive model that will ensure the safety of our students and staff for the 2020-2021 school year.

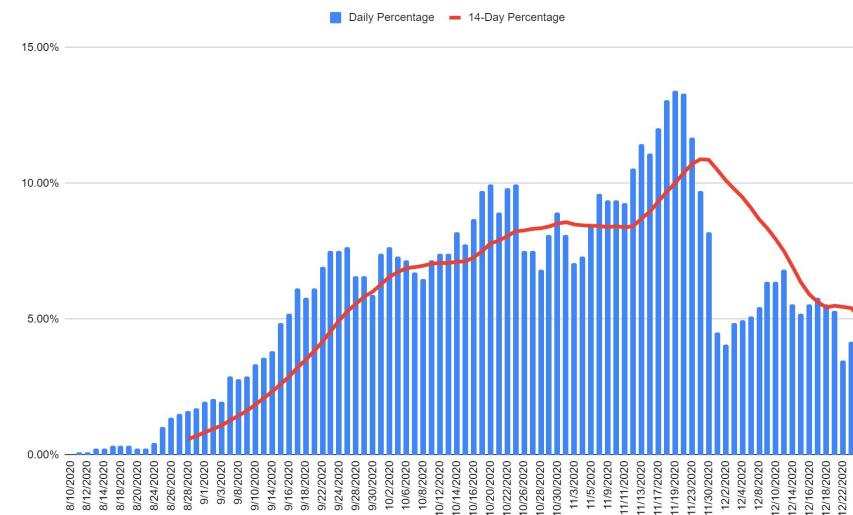


# CONTEXT: Rates of Covid Data Informed Decision Making

## OUR COUNTY:



## OUR DISTRICT:



### County Data is based on the Positive, active cases

The county health department measure on number of positive, active COVID cases per 10,000 people to compare different community sizes.

**School District of Beloit**  
 September (avg): 21.3 cases per 10,000  
 October (avg): 58.4 cases per 10,000  
 November (avg): 161.2 cases per 10,000  
 December (avg): 98.6 cases per 10,000  
 January: 64.8 cases per 10,000

### District Data is based on the screener (Preventative tool)

- Our highest positive rate in the district has been 1.9%
- Our highest district 14-day average was 11% in November
- In January our district 14-day average is 5.5%

# CONTEXT: Student Engagement

	# ACTIVE Students	# of Students - Full day	Percentage	Number of Students - Partial day	Percentage	# of Students of Concern	Percentage	
Elem. Totals	1872	1352	73.20%	241	13.10%	253	13.70%	<b>Term 1 Final</b>
Int. Totals	2075	1226	60.00%	458	22.40%	359	17.60%	
HS/BLA Totals	1917	1142	60.90%	351	18.70%	381	20.30%	
	# ACTIVE Students	# of Students - Full day	Percentage	Number of Students - Partial day	Percentage	# of Students of Concern	Percentage	
Elem. Totals	1872	1389	74.20%	219	11.70%	264	14.10%	<b>Term 2</b>
Int. Totals	2075	1403	67.60%	319	15.40%	353	17.00%	<b>First 6 Weeks</b>
HS/BLA Totals	1917	1101	57.40%	345	18.00%	471	24.60%	

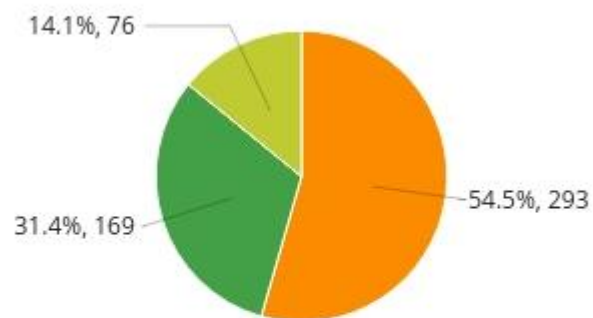
GPA	Term 1: 2019-2020		Term 1: 2020-2021		Change 19-20 to 20-21
Total	1758		1681		
0	198	11.26%	373	22.19%	10.93%
0.01-0.5	43	2.45%	107	6.37%	3.92%
0.51-0.99	95	5.40%	123	7.32%	1.91%
1.0-1.49	142	8.08%	145	8.63%	0.55%
1.5-1.99	133	7.57%	121	7.20%	-0.37%
2-2.99	416	23.66%	277	16.48%	-7.18%
3.0-4.0	731	41.58%	535	31.83%	-9.76%

Engagement continues to be high while we are beginning to see a slight increase in students of concern at the high school and Beloit Learning Academy.

There is evidence that there is a drop in GPA when comparing Term 1: 2019-2020 and Term 1: 2020-21. The staff have been responsive to concerns and have developed strategies to increase support of students.

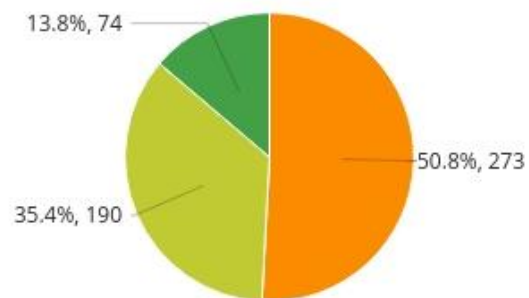
# CONTEXT: Student Feedback

Students: I learn best



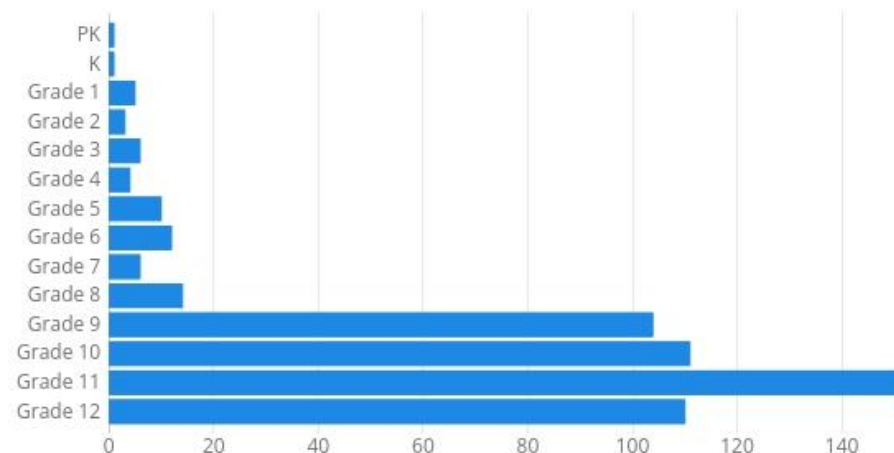
- I learn better at school than at ...
- I learn equally well at home or a...
- I learn better at home than at sc...

Students: Where do I want to learn?



- I prefer learning at school.
- I prefer learning online or at home
- I have no preference.

Student: I am in...



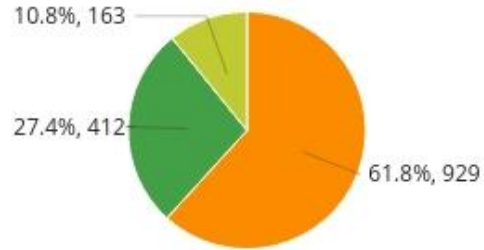
561 Students responded to the survey (email directly to high school students)

- 273 student prefer to learn at school
- 190 student prefer to learn at home
- 74 student did not have a preference



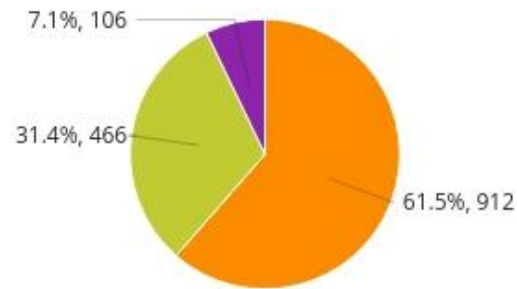
# CONTEXT: Family Feedback

Parent/Guardian: My child(ren) learns best



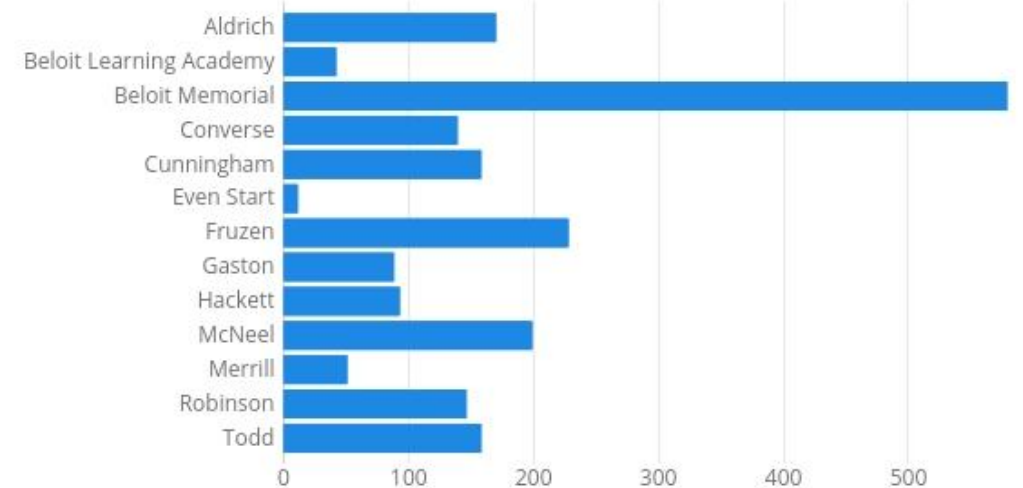
- My child(ren) learn better at school
- My child(ren) learn equally well at school and at home
- My child(ren) learn better at home

Parent/Guardian: If In-Person school begins, I will...



- send my child(ren) to school
- keep my child(ren) at home in distance learning
- send some of my children to school and keep some in distance learning

Parent/Guardian: I send my child(ren) to...



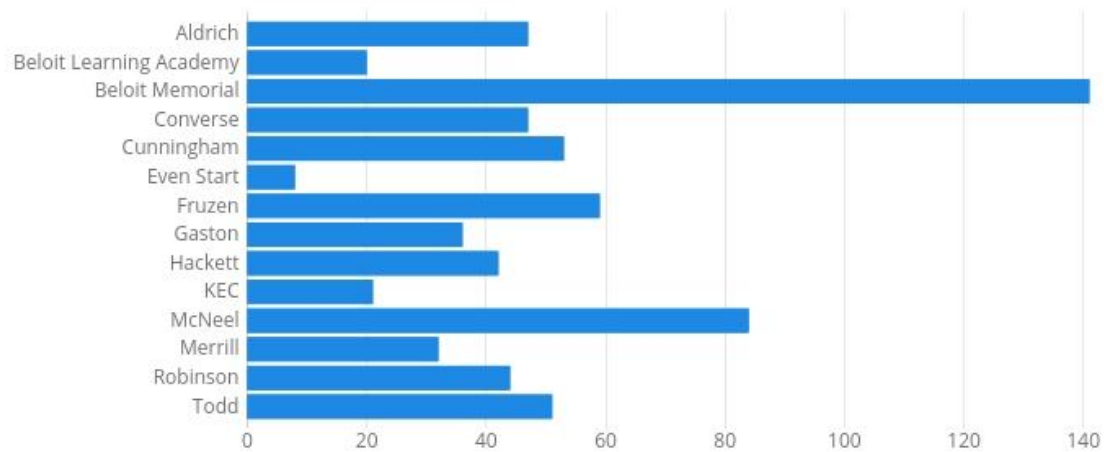
1806 Families responded to the survey (This represent about 2615 students)

- 912 families would send their student(s) to school
- 466 families would keep their student(s) in Distance Learning
- 106 families would send some of their students to school and keep some in Distance Learning

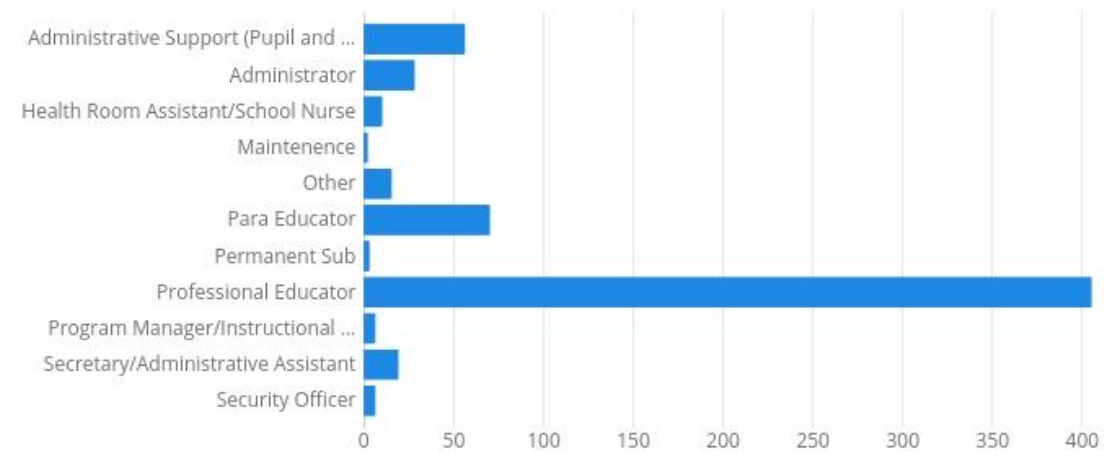


# CONTEXT: Staff Feedback

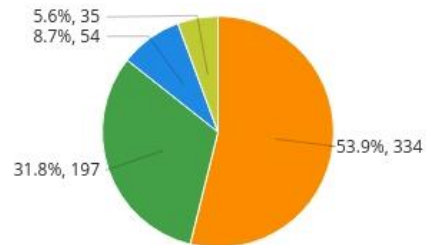
Staff: I work at...



Staff: I am a...

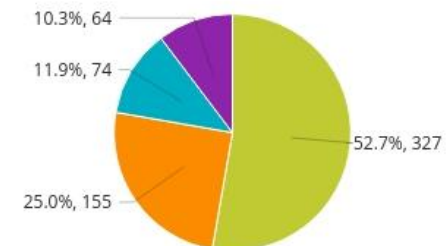


Staff: Students learns best 620 Responses



669 Staff responded to the survey

Staff: I prefer to teach 620 Responses



● Students learn better at school than at home. 
 ● Students learn equally well at home or at school. 
 ● I have no opinion 
 ● Students learn better at home than at school.

● Distance Learning 
 ● In-person, (cohort model with simulcasting to students at home) 
 ● I am not a teacher or para 
 ● I do not have a preference



# UPDATED MODEL WITH EXPANDED CHOICES

Parent / Families

(Choice 1) [Current Option]

**Beloit Virtual Learning School:** Full time at home

(Choice 2) **[If approved]**

**Cohort Model:** Includes 2 In-Person days and 2 Distance Learning days per week with simulcasting

(Choice 3) [Current Option]

**Distance Learning:** Simulcasting schedule 4 days at home per week with the same classroom



# UPDATED MODEL

(Choice 2)

**Cohort Model:** Includes 2 In-Person days and 2 Distance Learning days per week with simulcasting

- Students organized into Group A or Group B to determine weekly schedule for In-Person and at Distance Learning
- Transportation will continue to be provided
- Breakfast and Lunch will continue to be provided
- Health and Safety Plans updated & provided
- Technology training for simulcasting provided
- Training for Instructional Model provided

## Weekly Schedule:

- Monday & Tuesday:
  - Group A In-Person and Group B at home streaming a live feed from the classroom.
- Wednesday:
  - Non-Instructional Day
- Thursday & Friday:
  - Group A and group B switch.



# Food Service and Transportation

## Food Service

Breakfast and Lunch meals will be provided to  
In-Person students in the building

7-day Meal Packs will be available on Wednesday's  
(delivery and pickup)

Seating for meal service will incorporate the use of  
plexiglass dividers

## Transportation/Busing

Student Capacity is **24 student per bus** on a full-size bus.

Students will sit staggered to ensure social distancing.

Transportation needs/routing will be based on building  
cohorts

Start and end times of the school day for In-Person will not  
change from prior year

## Bus Cleaning

Buses will be cleaned and sanitized between  
routes

## Face Coverings

Driver and Students will be required to wear a  
face covering

## Self-Transport

We will encourage parents/guardians to  
self-transport during this time, if possible





# Building Logistics

## Building Cleaning

Aramark cleaning expectations and protocols will be provided to buildings outlining cleaning protocols

Thorough cleaning procedures will occur daily, with emphasis on high touch points during attendance days/times

Microfiber cloths and cleaner provided to every classroom for wipe down. System for replacement of dirty microfibers daily

Cafeteria tables and dividers cleaned in between meal serving times

## Social Distance Markers

Floor decals for tile and carpet flooring

## PPE

District providing cloth masks for staff and students

Disposable PPE (masks, gloves, gowns) and plexiglass provided to buildings and nursing staff for individual, student-specific needs

## Isolation Rooms

Rooms identified within buildings with input from building administration, Director of School Health and Facilities Department

UV Air Filtration have been installed in isolation rooms

## Nursing Supports

All health room staff will have had the opportunity to be vaccinated prior to students returning face-to-face. Health Room staff will handle all student/staff screening and contact tracing

## Testing and Vaccine

Working with Beloit Health Systems for testing training

Working with the Health Dept and Beloit Health Systems on vaccination

## Signage

Directional Signage

Screening Signage

Precautionary Measures, Hygiene, and Informational Signage



# Athletics and Activities

## Field Trips and Large Gatherings

Suspend all field trips and event gatherings at all grade levels during this time

## Clubs

When able, clubs will take place with social distancing and all safety measurements

## Athletics

Beloit will follow the Big 8 Conference which is suspended until January 25

Beloit's Staged Athletic Approach will continue to follow WIAA and Rock County Health Department to develop guidance

## Stages

**Stage 1:** Virtual Conditioning (general conditioning) – If county moves to Safer At Home Stage

**Stage 2:** Open Gym (sport-related activity) – Phase 1+

**Stage 3:** Open Gyms and Contact days (Coaching / start of season) – Phase 1+ and declining positivity rates

**Stage 4 & 5:** Practices (Competitions) – In-Person Instruction or Board includes in Distance Learning

## Small Group Support

[If in Distance Learning]

Building-level support for small groups while still in Distance Learning would occur when we see declining positivity rate or in Phase 2+.

Criteria for Small Group Support:

- Group of 10 or less
- Focus on students of concern first
- Teacher/Support Staff volunteers

# TRANSITION: In Person Instruction Option

## Why a **phased in** approach?

- Focus on social emotional learning & trauma informed care
- Create a sense of belonging & community
- Establish routines & expectations for In-Person Learning (including health & safety)
- Support staff through transition and provide focused coaching for instructional model & best practices

## Phases for transition:

- Two Non-Instructional Days to allow for classroom preparation
- Week 1: Elementary K4-3
- Week 2: Intermediate 4-8
- Week 3: High School 9-12

# RECOMMENDATIONS

## Past Criteria

- Transportation
  - Transport students to/from schools in reasonable time
- Buildings
  - Accommodate students while maintaining best practices
- COVID – Rock County
  - 5.0% on 14-day positivity average

Transition from Percent positive average to and average number of cases per 10,000

(Transition to In-Person recommendation: below 120 cases per 10,000)

## Administration Recommendations (Cohort Model - In-Person)

- If In-Person Instruction is approved, Superintendent works with schools to begin transition the first week in February
- Superintendent will be able to follow the direction of the Rock County Health Dept with regards to localized outbreaks (i.e., closing and re-opening)
- While in an In-Person Instructional model, if a school closure is due to staffing shortage, the superintendent will reopen the school once the shortage is eliminated
- Athletics and Extracurricular Activities would be allowed

## Administration Recommendations (Distance Learning)

- If remaining in Distance Learning, Superintendent will work with schools on small group support and continue to provide regular updates to the Board
- Athletics and Extracurricular Activities would be allowed

# THANK YOU & Appreciation

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My continued thanks to our students, families, and staff for your work this year. Thank you to our principals, teachers, Beloit Education Association (BEA) members, along with the entire District for your commitment to the educational success of our students.

Thank you also to our community partners and vendors including the city of Beloit, Rock County Health Department, Rock County Superintendents, Stateline YMCA, Stateline Boys and Girls Club, Community Action, Aramark, Durham School Services, and so many others for sharing your expertise in all matters relating to the our 2020-2021 school year.

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