



MONTHLY

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Final Round of Input for the Vision of District #100

I'm excited to share that the Strategic Planning Team met for its third full work session on Tuesday December 6th to review feedback regarding the Mission, Vision, and Values from last month. The team then created a draft of Goals, Strategies, and Measures for the district.

Please take one last opportunity to provide feedback regarding the draft of the Goals, Strategies, and Measures by [visiting this link](#).



Please also join us on January 23rd at 6pm to find out where the district is heading based on this work, and tell us how you want to help, how we should communicate with you, and how you need to be supported in the coming years as parents. Please RSVP to the event [by visiting this link](#) if you are considering coming.

PROVIDE FEEDBACK

School Board Activity

Virtual Backpack



BNHS Girls Cross Country Team Recognized

Belvidere North's Girls Cross Country team was recognized for winning the state title at December's school board meeting.

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Teacher of the Week

WREX Channel 13 made a surprise visit to Belvidere North High School on Wednesday, December 7.

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Let Us Know

Provide your feedback to the state of Illinois to let us know what we are doing well and where we can improve. Results from the survey below are shared in the state report card every fall.

[TAKE THE STATE SURVEY](#)



Substitute Teachers Wanted

Parents who want to substitute in their child's school can both help their school and get paid for the work. District 100 will pay licensure and registration fees for residents and parents who wish to substitute in our schools when needed. To qualify, stop by the Central Office to pick up our paperwork, or call 815-544-0301.

[School Calendar](#)

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District 100 Hires New Perry Elementary Principal

Frank Manderla is an educational leader who has been a principal at Dorothy Simon Elementary in Winnebago for the past 13 years.



He has served many leadership roles within the Winnebago School District as District Director of English Language Learners, District Homeless Liaison, and lead principal for intervention programming. Frank started his teaching career within the Harlem School District as an elementary teacher where he taught for 9 years.

Frank has a Master's of Arts in Teaching with a focus on Instructional Technology and advanced graduate level courses for educational leadership and curriculum. Frank and his family live within the Belvidere School District and his two children attend Belvidere schools. Mr. Manderas' philosophy of education focuses on meeting the needs of all children and creating a positive learning environment for the entire school community.

SchoolMessenger Phone TEST

The Belvidere School District will test our SchoolMessenger phone notification system on Wednesday, December 28 at 10 am.



SCHOOLMESSENGER®

opportunity to opt out of receiving future calls

District 100 will use this opportunity to call all primary contacts that are on file for all of our registered students in order to correct any errors in advance of a real weather emergency. Parents DO NOT need to "opt in" to receive these recorded calls. This test will also give families the

If you do not receive the test call and would like to receive future calls, please contact the district's Central Office at 815-544-0301.



SAT Practice Tests

Last year, the State of Illinois determined that all Juniors would take the SAT assessment each Spring. In order to provide additional support to our students, there will be SAT Saturday Prep starting in mid-January through the end of February.

These sessions will run in the morning. Information will be provided to students later in December. The deadline to sign up will be shortly after students return in January. The cost is \$60 per student.

Tax Rebates Total \$6.2 Million

People living in Boone County will get some financial relief when it comes to their property taxes. There's a \$2.2 million dollar property tax rebate for



2016. This equals to about \$93 for the owner of a home valued at \$100,000. Over the past three years, property tax relief rebates have totaled \$6.2 million. Back in 2013, voters approved a one cent sales tax rate increase. The Belvidere School Board committed to use the sales tax money to provide property tax relief.

Winter Weather

With the winter weather season underway, we want to clarify District 100 policies on weather related closures, late starts, and early releases.

When the decision is made to have a weather-related closure:

1. Local television stations will be notified
2. The School Messenger system will alert all staff and parents of the weather emergency via phone and email
3. District Social Media accounts will post the information

The school district will cancel school altogether and will not utilize a late start for the first day of inclement weather this winter season. Late starts will be used after this as deemed appropriate.

Canceling school because of inclement weather is the Superintendent's decision to make, and Dr. Woestman will communicate with the leadership team to make the best decision for our students. There will most likely be some very cold days this year that the district will stay in session - please make sure you dress your child in warm clothes throughout the winter season.

While there is no official temperature that closes school, we take into consideration things such as wind chills, road conditions, and transportation limitations. The decision to close school is made as early as possible, typically very early in the morning, based on the weather information made available at that time. When school is cancelled, a determination is made at that time regarding canceling after school activities as well.



Snow Day Options

Effective February 1, 2016

Beginning February 1, 2016 the Belvidere School District will have additional options to consider when poor weather conditions make traveling to or from school challenging. While safety is the first priority, and decisions will be made on a case by case basis, the District may institute a one-hour late start or an early dismissal option rather than cancel school. The goal of the additional options is to preserve instructional time for all students and avoid the disruption of a lost day.

One Hour Late Start

Elementary Schools: 8:40 a.m. to 2:05 p.m.
Middle Schools: 9:38 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.
High Schools: 8:55 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.

- Bus pick up times are one hour later
- School start times are one hour later
- Running Start students follow Rock Valley College class hours

Early Dismissal

Middle and High Schools: 1:05 p.m.
Elementary Schools: 2:05 p.m. (no change)

- There will be no Third Base
- Running Start students follow Rock Valley College class hours
- Elementary dismissal time does not change

January School Calendar

December 22 - January 3
 January 11
 January 16

Winter Break (No School)
 Early Dismissal (1 Hr)
 MLK Day (No School)



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