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## Fourth Street Closing Near High School for 2018-19 School Year

**Aug. 16, 2018** - The School District of Beloit and the City of Beloit are partnering together to create a safer environment on the Beloit Memorial High School campus by closing the one block of Fourth Street in front of the school, effective Monday, Aug. 20, 2018.

Fourth Street separates the parking lot from the school building, which has created an unsafe environment for students who are walking across the busy street. Because of these concerns, city and school staff are implementing the street closure as a temporary, one-year trial period. The temporary closure creates an opportunity for city and school district staff to make any necessary changes prior to developing a permanent solution.

The closure will be between Middle and North streets with the intersections remaining open for traffic. As part of this change, there is **no parking allowed on either side of Middle and North streets between Fourth and Sixth streets.** 

The closure will initially begin with barricades until the installation of removable bollards, which are short posts used to divert traffic. First responders will have the ability to lower the bollards on Fourth Street to access the school building.

Drop-off and pickup will be in the parking lot west of the high school and at the loading zone on North Street. For comments regarding traffic flow in the parking lot, parking or other areas on Beloit Memorial High School property, contact Sean Winters, Director of Facilities, at 608-361-4085 or <a href="mailto:swinters@sdb.k12.wi.us">swinters@sdb.k12.wi.us</a>.

At the intersection of Fourth and Middle, northbound traffic on Fourth Street will have a lane to turn left and a lane to turn right. On Middle Street going eastbound, there will be a lane to go straight or to turn right. At the intersection of North Street and Fourth Street, southbound traffic on Fourth Street will turn right onto North Street. Eastbound North Street traffic will be able to turn left onto northbound Fourth Street.

Alternative through routes include Riverside Drive or Sixth Street.

Comments specific to city streets only should be directed to Mike Flesch, City Engineer, at 608-364-6690 or fleschm@beloitwi.gov.