



April 2, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

Beloit Memorial High School has recently received a stipend through DPI: Special Education Transition Improvement Grant. The purpose of this Community Based Integrated Employment (CBIE) stipend is to increase employment of youth with disabilities within our Beloit Community.

As part of our stipend, Beloit Memorial High School is required to hold a Community Conversation. Community Conversations are designed to explore the often-untapped resources, creative ideas, and effective problem-solving strategies that can result when new and diverse perspectives come together around a shared challenge or concern. Our challenge is to prepare more individuals with unique abilities for employment in our community. Companies of all sizes benefit from having a skilled workforce that is adaptable to meet business needs. With this challenge we are hoping that local businesses and/or organizations would open their doors to our students with opportunities such as job shadows, tours, career explorations and/or volunteer experiences.

We would therefore like to invite you to our  
***2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Conversation to be held on Friday, April 29th, 2016 at the Beloit Rotary Center, 1160 Riverside Dr., from 9:00 -11:00 AM.***

Please join us in sharing ideas over breakfast and coffee. We value your input as we develop programs for individuals with disabilities. Please feel free to share this invitation with others stakeholders in our community. RSVP to Lara Janisch-Garcia, CBIE Co-Coordinator, at (608) 361-3129 or [ljanisch@sdb.k12.wi.us](mailto:ljanisch@sdb.k12.wi.us) by Wednesday, April 27th. Thanks again for your continuous support for ALL of our Beloit youth in their journey to become productive, self-sufficient citizens in our community.

Sincerely,

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Beloit Memorial High School