

# Belton ISD eNews

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**A Message from Dr. Malinda Golden**



Hello Belton ISD,

The Belton ISD Vision is to empower each and every learner to pursue their dreams and enrich their communities. The idea of enriching the community was very important to the citizens, parents, students, and staff who worked to inform the strategic direction for BISD. Our Board of Trustees took this input and ultimately crafted and approved our Vision. I believe the desire to instill in our students an understanding of the importance of being involved in their community is a testament to the value we place in community engagement. It is also one of our district's core values because we deeply believe the involvement of stakeholders enhances the educational experiences of our students.

It is with this strong belief that we strive to grow engagement opportunities for our community. One way that I would like to highlight is our [Parents as Partners Conference](#) happening Saturday, March 2 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Belton Middle School. This is our second year to offer an experience where we bring together subject-matter experts for a free half-day event designed to engage parents and provide resources, tools and ideas for supporting their student's education. You can review the conference details and sign up on the BISD [website](#). I hope you will attend.

Another reflection of our community's engagement was the participation and ultimate approval of the 2022 Bond. Because of the support of our community, we opened James L. Burrell Elementary School in January and will open Hubbard Branch Elementary School in the fall. We are moving forward with the construction of two other important facilities, our Delta Program facility and Belton ISD Ag Barn expansion. We hope that you will consider joining us on Thursday, March 7 for the kickoff of these two projects. At 1 p.m., we will gather at 731 E. 4th Avenue in Belton with stakeholders who are invested in the Delta Program to commemorate the start of the construction of this valuable learning space. Once it is completed, BISD students who are enrolled in the district's 18+ transition program will have a place to learn independent living and employment skills. Then at 2 p.m., we will host a groundbreaking ceremony at 1012 W. 2nd Avenue in Belton to celebrate the expansion of the BISD Ag Barn. We have a large agricultural program in BISD, and

thanks to the community's approval of the 2022 Bond, we are adding capacity and opportunities for even more participation.

In closing, I want to share how thankful we are for your support of our students, staff, programs, schools, and district. Your engagement is truly enriching the lives of our students and staff, and we are deeply grateful for you. We also value your feedback. Please be on the lookout for surveys that will launch later this spring. A key way we engage the community is through these surveys. We had great participation last year and hope to have even higher levels of responses this year. BISD believes in continuous improvement, and the data collected in our surveys will inform our efforts to do better.

Once again, thank you for your continued support for each and every student in BISD.

Sincerely,

Malinda Golden, Ph.D.  
Acting Superintendent



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## Sign up to attend the 2024 Parents as Partners Conference

Belton ISD is hosting the 2024 Parents as Partners Conference on Saturday, March 2, from 8 a.m. - noon at Belton Middle School. We are bringing together area experts to share information and resources that will help support students at home. Session topics include presentations from Belton Early Childhood School; BISD Special Programs; information on STAAR testing; fentanyl awareness; internet safety and more. **This is a free event** and breakfast will be served. To learn more about the sessions available or to register, [please visit us here](#).

Learn more about the Parents as Partners Conference



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## Top Story



### **Dr. Golden Named Lone Finalist for Superintendent of Belton ISD**

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved Dr. Malinda Golden as the [lone finalist for superintendent](#) of Belton ISD. Dr. Golden was appointed acting superintendent last month. She has served Belton ISD as deputy superintendent since 2020. Dr. Golden has over 30 years of experience in education.



## Trending Topics



### Important Message

From the School Nutrition Department

### Important: MySchoolBucks Program Fee Increase

Due to rising payment processing fees and operational costs, the MySchoolBucks program fee is increasing from \$2.75 to \$3.25 beginning March 7, 2024. Parents and guardians will pay this fee anytime they deposit money online through MySchoolBucks.

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### Don't Miss Important Updates to the 2023-24 Calendar

As a reminder, all campuses and district facilities will be closed on Monday, April 8 for the total solar eclipse. The revised calendar makes Monday, April 15 a regular school day. The revised calendar for 2023-24 and the calendar for 2024-25 are on the [district's website](#).

CALENDAR



### **BELTON ISD** Spring Job Fair

8:30 a.m.-noon | Saturday, Feb. 24  
South Belton Middle School  
805 Sagebrush, Belton

### Share the News: Belton ISD Spring Job Fair on Feb. 24

The [Belton ISD Spring Job Fair](#) is Saturday, February 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., at South Belton Middle School, 805 Sagebrush Drive, in Belton. The district is hiring for all positions.

### Early Voting Info for the March 5 Texas Primary

Early voting for the March 5 Texas primary is happening February 20 - March 1. Election Day is March 5. Texas has an open primary, which means that any registered voter can choose to vote in either party's primary election — regardless of how you have voted in the past. [More voting information and locations are available here.](#)



## Free and Reduced School Meal Application

Belton ISD families are invited to submit a Free and Reduced School Meal Application for the 2023-24 school year. Free and Reduced meal applications are for more than just meals! [The application is available here.](#)

## Get Involved

### Invitation to Review Science Instructional Materials

BISD community members are invited to review the state-adopted instructional materials being considered for K-12 science classes. The State Board of Education issued a proclamation that includes the adoption of new science instructional materials available to students in the 2024-25 school year to complement the implementation of new science TEKS. [Click here for more info!](#)



### BISD Celebrating the Construction of the Delta Facility and BISD Ag Barn Expansion

Join us on Thursday, March 7 for a milestone event - the groundbreaking of our Delta Facility and BISD Ag Barn expansion! First, we will gather at 731 E. 4th Avenue in Belton at 1 p.m. to commemorate the start of the construction of the new Delta Facility. Then at 2 p.m., we will host a groundbreaking ceremony at 1012 W. 2nd Avenue in Belton to celebrate the expansion of the BISD Ag Barn.

### GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES

MARCH 7, 2024

#### DELTA PROGRAM

731 E 4th Ave, Belton, TX 76513  
1 PM

#### BISD AG BARN

1012 W 2nd Ave, Belton, TX 76513  
2 PM

BOND 22



**ENGAGE & EMPOWER WITH**  
VOLUNTEER AND PARTNERSHIP SYSTEM



## Sign Up to Volunteer in Belton ISD

Belton ISD believes the learning experiences of our students are enhanced through the engagement of our community. That's why we welcome your partnership! Whether you are a parent, guardian, community member or business leader, we are excited to have you join us.

If you would like to serve with us, sign up with our new [volunteer management system](#).

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# 2023 Board of Trustees

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**DON'T FORGET! Spring Break is Coming Soon.**

# MARCH *Spring Break*

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**2024**



## Upcoming Events

- March 2: [Parents as Partners Conference](#)
- March 5: [Primary Election Day](#)
- March 5: [Parents as Partners - College Night and Alternative Options after High School](#)
- March 6: [Principal-4-A-Day](#)
- March 11-15: [Spring Break](#)
- March 25: [Regular Board Meeting](#)
- March 29: [Student / Teacher Holiday](#)
- April 8: [Student / Teacher Holiday](#)
- April 15: [Regular Board Meeting](#)
- May 4: [Election Day](#)
- May 8: [State of the District](#)
- May 13: [Regular Board Meeting](#)
- May 22: [Last Day of School](#)
- May 23: [Graduation](#)
- May 27: [District Closure](#)

**2024-2025 Academic Calendar**



## 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

Take the Journey

Stay Connected

We're Hiring

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