Belton ISD eNews

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT



Hello Belton ISD,

We have so many opportunities to witness the amazing work of our BISD students. If you have attended fine arts performances, campus academic events, or athletic and CTE competitions, etc., you are well aware of the knowledge and skills our students are acquiring throughout our district. At every event, I see evidence of

our teachers and staff working to create the conditions in which our students can pursue areas of

interest, demonstrate their growth, and display the competencies articulated in our Journey of a Graduate.

While there are many specific examples I could highlight, there are two recent examples I would like to mention in this week's eNews. I had the opportunity to attend the VEX Robotics Over/Under competition at Lake Belton High School on January 27 and the Bell County Youth Livestock Show that's currently taking place. Both experiences showcased the talents of our students and their ability to think critically, collaborate, communicate, adapt, and persevere. I am also highlighting these two activities because they embody programs in BISD that prepare students for life beyond high school by developing our Journey of a Graduate competencies. I am so proud of our students, teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents who create and support these amazing experiences for our students.

If you are interested in learning more about our various programs and opportunities for our students in BISD, there's an upcoming Parents as Partners: Workforce Solutions event on Tuesday, February 13 from 5:15 - 7:45 p.m. This event is designed to provide parents with insight into the district's programs for skill development and career readiness resources. The event will be held at Belton New Tech @Waskow.

Finally, I want to remind you that in a couple of weeks, Belton ISD campuses and offices will be closed for our Recharge Conference. February 19 is a day we've set aside to provide professional learning experiences for each and every employee. I am very proud to share that more than 400 sessions have been thoughtfully designed by staff across our district. This event will support every employee in their professional growth, and it is aligned with our BISD goals. Then on February 20, we are hosting Culture Day for our new staff members so they can learn about the BISD Vision, Values and Beliefs, Journey of a Graduate and more. It's wonderful to see our culture of learning and continuous improvement thrive through these events.

Please check out the rest of eNews to read more about the great things happening in Belton ISD and how you can get involved.

Sincerely, Malinda Golden, Ph.D. Acting Superintendent

2024-25 TRANSFER APPLICATIONS

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Application Window Opens February 12

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Families seeking a student transfer to a campus in Belton ISD for the 2024-2025 school year may submit an online transfer application from February 12 - March 15.

The application will be available online starting Monday, February 12 for K-12 students who reside in and outside Belton ISD and think they may qualify to attend a campus other than the one they are zoned to attend. The application process is selective and based on the district requirements and criteria.

Six BISD campuses are not accepting new transfer applications for the 2024-2025 school year because of their capacity threshold: Chisholm Trail Elementary, Leon Heights Elementary, Sparta Elementary, Lake Belton Middle School, North Belton Middle School, and Lake Belton High School. Students currently on transfer or who are applying for an exception to a 2024-2025 elementary attendance boundary exception are not impacted by closed campus status.

Families should note that the district does not provide transportation for transfer students and current transfer students must reapply each year.

Complete details about the district's transfer process are available at bisd.net/transfer.

TOP STORY



2024 Parents as Partners Conference

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the free half-day Parents as Partners Conference on Saturday, March 2, 2024, from 8 a.m. - noon at Belton Middle School. BISD is bringing together area experts to share information and resources that will help you support your student at home. Session topics include presentations from Belton Early Childhood School; BISD special programs; information on STAAR testing; fentanyl awareness; internet safety and more. <u>Sign up today!</u>





Belton ISD proudly announces another program that promotes acceptance and camaraderie among students of all abilities. This spring, BISD will launch a unified track team by bringing together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities. Read more <u>here</u>.

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In March of 2023, the Belton ISD Board of Trustees adopted new elementary attendance boundaries for the 2024-25 school year. A map of the elementary attendance boundaries <u>is available on our</u> <u>website</u>. If you have questions about the new boundaries, please contact your child's school or BISD Student Services at 254-215-2078. The new boundaries will go into effect next school year.

Parents as Partners: Workforce Solutions

Parents as Partners: Workforce Solutions will be hosted on Tuesday, February 13. Please join us for informational sessions on Career and Technical Education (CTE), the Student Occupational Awareness and Recognition Program (SOAR), workforce solutions - summer earn and learn (SEAL), and more.



Belton New Tech @Waskow Enrolling for 2024-2025

The Belton ISD school of choice, Belton New Tech @Waskow is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Limited spots are available. Please complete applications <u>here</u>.



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 <u>online</u>.

BOARD BRIEFS

Board Briefs are a monthly recap of updates following our regularly scheduled workshops and meetings of the Belton ISD Board of Trustees. Did you miss the January 22nd board meeting? Here's a recap from BISD Board Trustee Suzanne M. McDonald.

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BELTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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January 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

GET INVOLVED

ENGAGE & EMPOWER WITH BELTON

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.



2023 Board of Trustees

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 13: Parents as Partners - Work Readiness & CTE Programs February 19: Professional Learning / Student Holiday District buildings and campuses are closed February 19: Regular Board Meeting February 20: Teacher Learning & Workday/Student Holiday March 2: Parents as Partners Conference 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

2024-2025 Academic Calendar

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Take the Journey

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We're Hiring

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