

# Belton ISD eNews

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## MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT



Big Red Community,

January is School Board Recognition Month, and I thought it'd be a good opportunity to highlight the [seven-member team](#) of volunteers who are elected to provide an outstanding learning experience for students in Belton ISD. These men and women make decisions regarding everything from priorities, policies and personnel to expenditure and growth management.

In a nutshell, they keep an eye on the big picture.

Just in my three years as superintendent, they've adopted a new [vision statement](#) and district-wide [values and beliefs](#) that guide our daily decision-making. They called for the [2022 bond](#) and are overseeing its completion. They also annually adopt [district goals](#) and then monitor our progress toward these desired outcomes.

Their role in governance also includes creating, evaluating and revising policies while also adopting a budget and setting a tax rate – which they've lowered for four consecutive years.

This work amounts to about 100 volunteer hours each year per trustee attending board and committee meetings plus training sessions. Another 65 additional hours per trustee are spent at events, like graduation and visiting campuses, and meeting with state and local representatives. They also frequently attend athletic and fine arts activities.

Our board does all this while demonstrating a unique, sometimes rare, characteristic – unity. Unity doesn't always mean agreeing on every decision, but rather it's a shared commitment to work together for what's best for kids.

If you see one of our Belton ISD trustees this month, I hope you'll join me in thanking them for their service and dedication. I believe we have the best board in Texas, and I'm thankful for their thoughtful leadership for the Big Red Community.

Best,

Matt Smith, Ed.D.  
Superintendent



## NEWS

[School Board Members to be Celebrated Across the Big Red Community in January](#)

[New District Receptionist Welcomes Visitors to Administration Building](#)

[Bronco Esports Team Wins State Championship](#)

[Four Belton ISD Students Chosen for All State Choir](#)

[Dancers Receive All-State Honors](#)

[LBHS Theatre to Present 'Little Shop of Horrors'](#)

## GET INVOLVED

### Secondary Families: Selecting Classes for Next School Year

Spring is almost here, so it's time to start thinking about your student's classes for next year. Be sure to check out the online [High School Course Catalog](#) and [Middle School Course Catalog](#), learn about the new classes being offered, and watch for campus communication with details about upcoming events like course selection days, parent nights and campus visits.



**Community Learning Day**  
January 18

### Take a Peak Inside Our Premier Pre-K Campus

See firsthand how the Belton Early Childhood School, or BECS, fosters a love of learning at our Community Learning Day from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Jan. 18. Participants will tour the school's experience classrooms and see teachers in action. There will also be information about enrolling at BECS, which begins in April for the 2023-2024 school year. [Learn more and RSVP.](#)

### Enrollment Now Open for Belton New Tech @Waskow

New Tech is seeking its next freshman class of students for the 2023-2024 school year. The application window is now open for legacy students – those with a sibling who is a current or former New Tech students and children of BISD employees. All other students can apply beginning Jan. 26. The application and more information can be found at [www.bisd.net/bnt@w](http://www.bisd.net/bnt@w).

Belton New Tech @Waskow



JOIN THE COMMUNITY

### Hiring Event!



### Seeking: World-Class Employees

We're looking to fill immediate openings for bus drivers, custodians and school nutrition specialists at a job fair on Jan. 20. Benefits include dental and medical insurance, time off on holidays and weekends, free life insurance and a retirement plan. [Learn more.](#)

### LBHS Theatre Presents 'Little Shop of Horrors'

Lake Belton High School Theatre will present *Little Shop of Horrors* at 7 p.m. Jan. 12-14. in the school's Performing Arts Center. It's the school's first-ever musical production. Tickets are available [online](#) or at the door.



Be Part of the "Big Red" Story



We're seeking [parent testimonials](#) to help tell the Big Red Community's story. Please [share your experiences](#) of how you've seen the Belton ISD mission statement – empowering each and every learner to pursue their dreams and enrich their communities – come to life!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 16: [Student/Teacher Holiday](#)
- January 17: [Facilities Committee Meeting](#)
- January 23: [Board Meeting](#)
- February 6: Policy Committee Meeting
- February 13: Facilities Committee Meeting
- February 20: Board Meeting

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