Belton ISD eNews

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MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT



Hello, Big Red Community!

You may know that one of Belton ISD's values and beliefs statements is that the learning experiences of our students are enhanced through the engagement of our community. This belief was on full

display at Monday's meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At the meeting, we had an opportunity to publicly thank several individuals and organizations who rallied around Belton High School last May. This group included support dog owners/trainers, mental health professionals and personnel from Fort Hood. They were a huge asset to our students and staff, and we're a better school district because of our partnership with them.

The Belton Educational Enrichment Foundation, or BEEF, is also an important organization in our community. BEEF's president, Ellen Burnett, attended Monday's meeting to update trustees on the group's efforts this past year. BEEF was founded in 1992 by Belton ISD alumni to enhance the quality of education for all students in the district. The nonprofit provides teacher grants, scholarships and other programs to support economically disadvantaged students. All of BEEF's funding comes from private sources such as individuals, corporations and foundations. Here's what they were able to award just in the last school year:

- \$300,000+ in scholarships to seniors from Belton High School and Belton New Tech @Waskow
- \$117,000+ in teacher and campus grants
- \$24,000 in paraprofessional scholarships
- \$15,000 to students participating in dual credit courses

It's impressive what can happen when we, as educators, engage with our community.

With the new school year right around the corner, there will be plenty of ways (new and old!) for parents to engage in their child's learning. I can't wait to share more about those in the coming weeks. But first — finish summer strong!

Best,

Matt Smith, Ed.D. Superintendent

NEWS

Big Red Community Back-to-School Guide

Belton ISD Raises Pay for Teachers, Staff

BISD Replacing Logos on Turf at Stadium

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Free/Reduced Meal Application Available Aug. 1

Waivers and pandemic-related benefits from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that allowed Belton ISD to offer free meals to all students for the past two years will not continue in the 2022-2023 school year. This means that families must submit the Free and Reduced School Meal Application to continue receiving individual benefits. The application will be available beginning Aug. 1 at www.schoollunchapp.com. For more information about menu prices and payment options, visit www.bisd.net/nutrition.



Back-to-School Kickoff Events

Back-to-school events are being planned now! Be sure to follow your school's social media for all the details about back-to-school bashes, meet the teacher nights, new student information meetings, parent orientations and more! Also watch your inbox for emails from the campus principal with more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 1: Policy Committee Meeting
- August 8: Facilities Committee Meeting
- August 17: First Day of School
- August 22: Board Workshop / Meeting
- September 5: Student/Teacher Holiday
- September 19: Board Meeting
- September 12: Facilities Committee Meeting
- September 6: Policy Committee Meeting

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