

May 26, 2022



## Message from Superintendent



Big Red Community,

Today, after commencement ceremonies for the class of 2022, we officially close out the 2021-2022 school year. I end the year — my second full one as superintendent of Belton ISD — with optimism and immense gratitude.

My optimism stems from the abundance of new programs and opportunities in the works for next year. When Belton New Tech becomes a standalone campus in the fall, students will have the chance to compete in class 3A athletics like tennis, cross country, tennis and golf. They'll also be able to take Career & Technical Education courses in law and public safety, government and public administration, and drone operations. Our Lake Belton High School students will be able to immerse themselves in a new entrepreneurship program, IncubatorEDU, that will teach business startup skills with local entrepreneurs. At Belton High School, students will participate in the Cisco Networking Academy, a learning opportunity that directly leads to job placement. The entire Big Red Community will be able to participate in a production of the musical *Annie* through the Penguin Project, an inclusive musical theater program that pairs students without disabilities as mentors to children with disabilities. These are all incredible learning opportunities that live out our “Each and Every” value — that each and every student deserves exceptional experiences unique to their needs and passions.

I also know that, thanks to voters saying yes to the 2022 bond propositions, we have funding to start improving program equities across the district, especially within our Fine Arts and CTE programs. This is a great step forward for students attending some of our older facilities.

Gratitude is also at the forefront of my mind as the year wraps up. I have the privilege to witness the overwhelming dedication of our teachers and staff on a daily basis. And these aren't just one-time acts. They are small acts and large ones, repeated day in and day out because our world-class employees in Belton ISD know that the work they do matters. I am beyond thankful for the extraordinary efforts of our staff and their ability to bring exceptional learning to life.

I'm also grateful for you, our BISD families. Our partnership with parents and guardians is crucial to student success and our administrators are planning new ways to strengthen these relationships next year. We aren't perfect, but we're striving to improve every day and your partnership is greatly appreciated.

I hope you enjoy a wonderful summer with your family and I look forward to an amazing 2022-23 school year right around the corner! We've done great things together in Belton ISD — and we have great things left to do!

Best,

Matt Smith, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

## News



### Belton High's Top Graduates Excited About Future



### Hard Work Pays Off for Belton New Tech's Top Graduates

### Belton ISD Hires New Principal for High Point

### BMS Tradition Celebrates Value of Each Student

### Erin Prica Named 2022 Belton ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year

### Malintha Abeysiri Named 2022 Belton ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year

### District Celebrates Longevity of Serving Kids in Big Red Community

### BEEF Presents More Than \$285,000 in Scholarships to Seniors

## What's Happening

### Calling All Educators! Belton ISD Hiring for All Positions at June 1 Job Fair

Belton ISD is hosting a job fair for all positions on June 1 at Chisholm Trail Elementary, 1082 S. Wheat Rd. in Belton, from 1-3:30 p.m. Those interested in pursuing a career in Belton ISD, or just

learning more about the district, are invited to attend. [Learn more.](#)

# BELTON ISD **JOB FAIR**

JOIN OUR TEAM OF WORLD-CLASS EMPLOYEES!



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

## All Things Summer in Belton ISD

Summer is officially here! Be sure to check out the academic and athletic opportunities available for your student in June and July, summer meal times and locations, and the district's summer hours. [Learn more.](#)



## Thinking Ahead to Next School Year

Please complete your student's [returning student verification](#) for the 2022-2023 school year if you haven't already. It just takes a few minutes and will help us plan for next year. You can also access the [2022-2023 academic calendar](#) as you start making plans your own plans.



## Upcoming Events

- May 31: Summer Hours Begin
- June 2: Teacher Job Fair
- June 6: Policy Committee Meeting
- June 13: Facilities Committee Meeting
- June 20: Board Meeting

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