

April 28, 2022



## Message from Superintendent



Hello, Big Red Community,

I am coming to you with another reminder that Early Voting is underway. Election Day is Saturday, May 7. Polls are open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

As you know, the two May 2022 bond propositions address:

- Accelerated growth of student enrollment;
- Aging facilities and changing needs;
- Ensuring that facilities don't limit educational opportunities for students
- Safety and security; and
- Technology

If approved by voters, these propositions will impact every Belton ISD school without increasing the tax rate. The Belton ISD tax rates have been lowered by 24 cents over the last five years. The Tax Appraisal District of Bell County sets the values of homes, not Belton ISD.

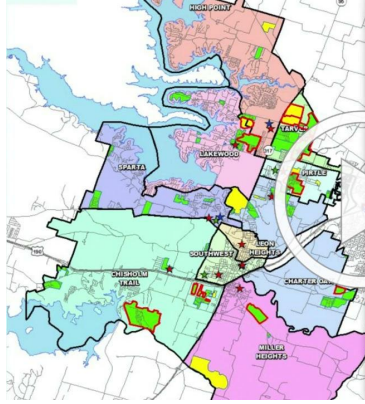
Since tax values have increased more than the 7.5 percent the district projected when modeling this bond, Belton ISD may be able to lower the debt tax rate. The Board of Trustees discussed this issue at a special meeting on Wednesday.

The 2022 Bond process began last fall with community voice through the work of the Bond Exploration Committee, and it will conclude this spring with community voice.

Make sure your voice is heard this election season!

Matt Smith, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

Watch this video to learn  
more about enrollment growth



**3,000+  
STUDENTS IN  
5 YEARS**

## News



### **BECS Students Share Happiness on National Day of Volunteering**

### **Upcoming Partnership Will Allow Special Needs Students to Shine on Stage in Broadway Musical**

### **BHS Choir Opens for Foreigner**

## What's Happening

### **Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6**

Join Belton ISD in celebrating our amazing teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Say “thank you” to your child’s teachers and share your celebrations on social media, write a card, or send them an email. Let’s rally together to make our teachers feel valued, supported and encouraged.



### **Student Feedback Sought in District-Wide Survey**

Continuous improvement is a value in Belton ISD. That’s why district leaders will soon survey students in third grade and above to learn if they feel valued, supported and encouraged to grow as students. Students will be given time during the school day to complete this quick survey.

### **School Behavior Listening Sessions**

Parents, staff and students are invited to attend a come-and-go listening session to share their perspectives about school behavior in Belton ISD. Sessions will be held from 6-8 p.m. on May 3 at Pirtle Elementary and from 6-8 p.m. on May 5 at Sparta Elementary.

## Early Voting is Underway

Early Voting runs through May 3. Election Day is Saturday, May 7. The [Belton ISD Bond 2022](#) asks voters to consider two propositions. Proposition A addresses growth and capacity; safety and security; and aging and equitable facilities. Proposition B address technology devices. Learn more about the bond and voting locations at [www.beltonisdbond.net](http://www.beltonisdbond.net).



## Returning to BISD Next Year? Let Us Know!

If your student will be returning to Belton ISD next school year, please log into Skyward Family Access to complete the returning student verification process. [Learn more.](#)



## Keep Your Student Learning This Summer

Registration is now open for Belton ISD's summer academic programs that aim to keep students excited about learning year-round. [Learn more.](#)



## Upcoming Events

April 25-May 3: **Early Voting**  
April 27: **Special Board Meeting**  
April 27: BNT@W Parent Bond Presentation  
April 28: Big Red Art Show Reception  
May 2-6: Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 2: **Policy Committee Meeting**  
May 7: **Election Day**  
May 9: **Facilities Committee Meeting**  
May 16: **Board Meeting**  
May 26: Graduation  
May 31: Summer Hours Begin

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