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Message from Superintendent



February is an exciting time in Belton ISD.

February is recognized as Career and Technical Education (CTE) month, and it draws our attention to the incredibly positive impact our CTE programs have on students by allowing them to gain practical skills and experiences while in high school. About 3,250 students in grades 9-12 are enrolled in the district's 22 programs of study at Belton High School, Lake Belton High School and Belton New Tech High School @Waskow. Students A great example of this is happening right now. Dozens of our Ag students – a very popular CTE program in Belton ISD – are demonstrating many of the competencies in our

Journey of a Graduate through their participation at the Bell County Youth Fair.

February 7-11 is National School Counseling Week, and accordingly, we are being intentional about recognizing and appreciating our outstanding school counselors. We are thanking these World-Class employees for supporting our students' academic, social, and emotional growth and development. We invite you to join us in saying "thank you" to your child's counselor.

At a special called meeting on February 15, the Board of Trustees will vote on whether to call for a May 7 bond election. The Board discussed projects in great detail at a workshop earlier this week (February 7). If approved, the proposed projects in the bond will address the district's accelerated growth in student enrollment, aging and evolving facilities, program equity, and safety and security. We will keep you informed should this process move forward.

And finally, Belton ISD is hosting our inaugural Recharge conference on February 21. This day-long professional development opportunity is an important piece of the Belton ISD comprehensive professional learning system. The Recharge conference will provide World-Class employees of Belton ISD the opportunity to join together (virtually), engage with their peers, thrive in their roles, and ultimately inspire their students. Staff will take a deeper look at the Journey of a Graduate and how it can be used to shape exceptional

learning experiences for each and every student.

These are just a few highlights of the events happening in our community this month. If you are interested in learning more, be sure to follow Belton ISD on **Facebook** or **Twitter**.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Big Red Community.

With gratitude,

Matt Smith, Ed.D. Superintendent

News



Belton High Athletes Realize College Sports Dreams on Signing Day

Bronco Football Recognized as Powerhouse in the Classroom

Belton ISD Honored with State-Wide Award for Fiscal Stewardship

What's Happening

Free Community Vaccine Clinics Scheduled

Belton ISD is partnering with the Texas National Guard and the Bell County Public Health District to offer free flu and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines for anyone age five and up. The walk-in clinics, which are open to the public, will be held from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Feb. 12 and Feb. 19 at the Pittenger Fine Arts Center, 400 N. Wall St. in Belton.



Transfer Applications for 2022-2023 School Year Due by March 11

Belton ISD is now accepting online transfer applications for the 2022-2023 school year. This application is required for students who reside within the Belton ISD attendance zone but wish to transfer to another campus within the district or who reside outside Belton ISD. **Read more.**



District Hiring for All Positions at March 5 Job Fair

Belton ISD is hosting a job fair for all positions from 9 a.m.noon on March 5 at Lake Belton High School. Each of the district's campuses will be represented at the fair along with several auxiliary departments. Registration for the event at https://bit.ly/3GalqT3 is recommended. Read more.



Seniors Can Now Apply for BEEF Scholarships

Belton ISD seniors have until April 3 to apply for scholarships from the Belton Educational Enrichment Foundation online at www.beefbisd.org. The independent non-profit awarded more than \$273,000 in scholarships to last year's senior class and hopes to do the same — or more — again this year.

Upcoming Events

February 10: Dual Language Parent Meeting

February 15: Special Board Meeting

February 17: **DWEIC Meeting**February 21-22: **Student Holidays**

February 21: Inaugural Recharge Conference for Belton ISD Staff

February 21: Regular Board Meeting

March 5: Job Fair

March 5: **BEEF Tennis Tournament**March 7-11: Texas Public Schools Week

March 7: BEEF Golf Tournament

March 11: Transfer Application Deadline

March 14-18: Spring Break

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