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BIG RED LETTERS

BELTON ISD SUPERINTENDENT DR. MALINDA GOLDEN

Hello Belton ISD,

The success of our schools is intertwined with the strength and support of our community. Our schools are not just buildings; they are the heart of our community, shaping the future by educating each and every learner that walks through our doors. The values we instill in our students, the opportunities we provide them, and the support we offer them are all deeply rooted in the shared values and aspirations of our community.

We are incredibly fortunate to live in a community that values education. This commitment is evident in the active involvement of our parent-teacher organizations, the dedication of our school volunteers, and the generous support we receive from local businesses and organizations. These partnerships are invaluable, providing our students with enriching experiences and resources that would otherwise be unavailable.

A shining example is the incredible partnership we share with both the Belton and Temple Police Departments and our collective commitment to providing safe and secure learning environments. Chief Berg and Chief Reynolds joined Board President Manuel Alcozer and me to share some of the ways that we collaborate on safety and security measures for the district in the video below.

Sincerely,

Malinda Golden, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Belton ISD Safety and Security Video

Belton ISD collaborated with the Belton and Temple police chiefs to provide this important safety and security video.

Belton ISD Safety & Security



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The graphic features a woman with blonde hair and glasses in the bottom left corner. The main image is a smartphone screen showing a chef in a black uniform and a cap with 'LANE FROS' on it, working in a kitchen. Another person is partially visible on the right side of the screen.



Key Priorities and Emergency Legislative Actions

In his State of the State address last week, Governor Greg Abbott outlined his top priorities for the 88th Texas Legislature and designated seven emergency items for lawmakers:

- Cutting property taxes
- Investment in the state's water infrastructure
- Increase teacher pay
- Strengthening career training programs for students post-high school
- Using public dollars for private education purposes (school choice, education savings accounts)
- Stiffen the state's bail laws

For more information on educational legislative priorities, please visit our [Legislative Priorities and Budget Implications page](#).



Akeiah Cipolla Named Principal of South Belton Middle School

Akeiah Cipolla has been named principal of South Belton Middle School, bringing nearly 13 years of experience in education. She began her career as an English Language Arts coach and teacher before moving into administration. Cipolla has served as interim principal since December 2024 and previously held the role of assistant principal at the campus since May 2020.



Belton ISD Recognized as a CTE District of Distinction by CTAT

Belton ISD is honored to be named a CTE District of Distinction by the Career and Technical Association of Texas (CTAT). This award recognizes districts that excel in leadership, innovation, and student success through high-quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.

Our CTE programs thrive through innovation, workforce partnerships, and a commitment to real-world learning, offering specialized career pathways and industry certifications.

This recognition highlights Belton ISD as a leader in CTE excellence across Texas.



Belton High School's Tiger Smokehouse Teams Sizzle to State

Belton High School's Tiger Smokehouse Black and Red teams secured a spot at the state competition after excelling in five categories at the Texas HSBBQ League Qualifier on January 11, 2025, in Houston, under the guidance of culinary teacher Kathy Firkins.

To support their journey, the teams are seeking sponsors to help cover competition costs. Donations of \$1,000 or more will be recognized on the team banner. Those interested in contributing can contact the campus for donation details.

Their next challenge is the SCHEELS High School BBQ National Championship in Burnet on May 2-3, 2025.



Belton High School Unveils Newly Renovated Staff Lounge

With support from local businesses, the Belton High School PTSO helped fund a staff lounge renovation totaling \$30,000. The refreshed space features a mural by art students, custom storage by construction students, and welded accent pieces.

Upgrades include new cabinets, lighting, flooring, refrigerators, and a stand for the PTSO-donated ice machine. Staff input guided the redesign, and the PTSO continues to stock the lounge with snacks twice a year.

To support future projects, email beltonhighptso@gmail.com.





SAVE THE DATE!



February 11: Parents as Partners - Job Opportunities for Students with Special Needs

February 17-18: Student Holiday

February 24: Regular Board Meeting

February 26: Parents as Partners - ESL/Bilingual Event

March 10-14: District Closure

March 24: Regular Board Meeting

March 25: Parents as Partners - Virtual Lunch and Learn: Preparing Your Child for STAAR

April 8: Parents as Partners - Wellness

April 16: Parents as Partners - ESL/Bilingual Event

April 18: District Closure

April 21: Regular Board Meeting

2025-2026 Student Calendar

2024-2025 Academic Calendar

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