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BIG RED LETTERS

BELTON ISD SUPERINTENDENT DR. MALINDA GOLDEN

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Hello Belton ISD,

March is often a season of growth, and here in Belton ISD, that growth is fueled by the incredible support of our community. I want to take a moment to update you on how we are turning that support into progress for our students.

Investing in Technology

Following the community's support of our November bond election, the Board of Trustees officially approved the issuance of \$6 million in bonds last week. These funds are dedicated to a critical need: ensuring our students and staff have the tools required for a modern education.

We know that technology is more than just a device—it is a gateway to opportunity. This investment allows us to stay ahead of the curve, and we are moving quickly to begin implementation. Staff devices will start being replaced next school year, and student devices will be refreshed as follows:

- **High School Students:** New devices scheduled for 2027.
- **Middle School Students:** New devices scheduled for 2028.

- Elementary School Students: New devices scheduled for 2029.

Designing Our Roadmap

Technology is only one part of the equation. To ensure Belton ISD continues to excel, we have launched a Strategic Planning Process to design a roadmap for the next five years. What should the Belton ISD experience look like for a student in 2030? What skills and opportunities do you want for your children? Keep an eye out for a survey link arriving this week. Your feedback is invaluable as we design the future of our schools.

We are grateful for your trust and your input as we work to provide the very best for each and every student.

Sincerely,

Malinda Golden, Ph.D.
Superintendent





History in the Making at Belton New Tech @Waskow

Belton New Tech @Waskow celebrated a historic milestone as senior Claire Thomas signed her letter of intent to swim at the University of Texas Permian Basin, becoming the first student athlete in campus history to sign at the collegiate level. Claire plans to pursue a degree in graphic design, crediting her Career and Technical Education experiences at New Tech for helping shape both her academic path and athletic success.



Excellence in Storytelling Recognized at the State Level

Belton ISD's Communications Department earned state recognition at the Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) Star Awards, with all four submitted projects receiving honors at this year's conference in Galveston. The awards highlight the district's continued commitment to strategic storytelling, community engagement and excellence in school communications.

2025 Star Awards:

- Bronze Star Award in the Special Event category for the 80s-themed Convocation
- Gold Star Award in the Education Good News Campaign category for the Teacher of the Year campaign
- Gold Star Award in the General Event category for [Golden Moments Celebrating the Class of 2025](#)
- Gold Star Award in the Feature Story category for [Back to Elementary](#).



Students at Belton New Tech @Waskow Turn Service Into Leadership

Students at Belton New Tech @Waskow continued a longstanding tradition of service during their annual Purple Heart Servant Leadership Day on December 18, 2025, dedicating time to hands-on projects that supported veterans and community partners across Belton.

Students crocheted handmade hats and created fidget spinners for veterans, which were distributed earlier this year to provide additional support and comfort. They also assisted with pantry distribution and park cleanups, organized the Belton ISD Resource Center and supported a Winter Wonderland experience for early childhood students.

Through these efforts, students reinforced the campus's commitment to compassion, leadership and community responsibility beyond the classroom.



Innovation on Display for National Digital Learning Day

On February 12, 2026, Belton ISD joined National Digital Learning Day for the first time by hosting Digital Learning Day Celebration Walks to highlight educators leading innovative, future-ready instruction. District leaders visited campuses across the district to recognize teachers who completed blended learning training or earned Google certifications, showcasing how technology is enhancing student engagement and classroom learning.



Belton ISD Brings Life Saving Heart Screenings to Secondary Students

Belton ISD school nurses partnered with the Cody Stephens Foundation on February 10, 2026, to provide heart screenings for sixth through twelfth grade students across all secondary campuses in recognition of February being Heart Month. The fast, noninvasive electrocardiogram screenings offered families added peace of mind by helping detect potential heart conditions early through the foundation's life saving work in schools across Texas.



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GOLDEN MOMENTS!



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March 16-20: District Closure (Spring Break)

March 23: Student Holiday

March 30: Regular Board Meeting

April 3: District Closure (Good Friday)

April 6: Student Holiday

April 20: Regular Board Meeting

May 18: Regular Board Meeting

May 20: Two-Hour Early Release

May 21: Class of 2026 Graduations

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