



DESTINATION 2031

Inspiring Dreams. Empowering Futures.

Superintendent Message

Hello Belton ISD,

As we move through this school year, I am often reminded of what makes Belton ISD special. It is our shared goal of supporting every child, every day. While school is about learning, we know that students learn best when they feel safe, valued, and connected. Put simply, a safe and supportive environment makes it much easier for students to succeed.

Physical safety and emotional well-being are both important. To make sure every student feels supported, our schools use programs that focus on building strong relationships:

- Capturing Kids' Hearts: Teachers use specific tools to build trust with students. This helps keep classrooms warm, organized, and welcoming.

- Hope Squad: This is a peer support team. Students work to help their classmates feel less alone and raise awareness about mental health.
- Kindness Clubs: These groups empower students to spread positivity and celebrate what makes everyone unique.

By using these programs, we work hard every day to meet the needs of each and every learner. We want every child to find their purpose in Belton ISD.

Our goal is to prepare students to be active members of society who connect and enrich their communities. Civic responsibility means knowing we are all part of something bigger than ourselves. Whether through volunteering or school service projects, we encourage our Big Red family to give back. When students volunteer, they build character and learn how to help others.

The strong bond between our schools, families, and community helps our district grow. To keep a great learning environment, we must be able to adapt. This means using new tools and meeting the changing needs of our students. When we work together and stay flexible, we create a community where everyone belongs for years to come.

We invite you to be an active part of this journey by exploring volunteer opportunities, joining us for upcoming campus events, or connecting with your school principal and PTOs to see how you can help. Your support is vital to our schools. Together, we will continue to make sure each and every student in Belton ISD feels like they belong.

Sincerely,

Malinda Golden, Ph.D.





[SEPTEMBER 2026 | GOLDEN MOMENTS]

Priority 1: Students

Special Olympics Red Ball Award

Belton ISD Adapted Physical Education Teacher and Special Olympics Head of Delegation Lauren Marx received the Special Olympics Texas Red Ball Award for the Central Region at the Unified Impact Summit in Austin. The award recognized Marx's 22 years of leadership in **expanding inclusive programming across the district**, including Unified Track and Field, Unified Robotics, and Night of Champions.



School Meal Program

Through the Community Eligibility Program (CEP), all students at the following campuses receive breakfast and lunch at no charge with no meal application required: Belton Early Childhood School, Chisholm Trail Elementary, Hubbard Branch Elementary, Leon Heights Elementary, South Belton Middle School, and Southwest Elementary.



Families at other Belton ISD campuses may *qualify for free or reduced-price meals* based on household income or participation in programs such as SNAP, TANF or FDPIR. **Apply online at SchoolCafe.com/beltonisd.**

Families can also use SchoolCafe.com to set up and manage student meal payment accounts. Questions? Contact Tiffiney Freeman, Assistant Director of School Nutrition, at tiffiney.freeman@bisd.net.

Priority 2: Staff

Day in The Life: Food Nutrition Manager



National Teacher of Excellence Award

Belton ISD German teacher Julia Danzeiser was named one of three recipients nationwide of the 2026 German Embassy Teacher of Excellence Award. Presented by the German Embassy and the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG), the award recognized Danzeiser's 22 years of teaching expertise across Belton High School and Lake Belton High School.



Texas Teacher Residency Program Partnership with UMHB

Belton ISD expanded its commitment to educator development by launching the second cohort of its Teacher Pathway initiative, a "grow your own" program designed to help paraprofessionals earn their teaching certification. Alongside this pathway, the district



established a partnership with the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor for the Texas Teacher Residency Program, designated to host aspiring educators for a full-year classroom experience alongside mentor teachers. The 2026-2027 school year will serve as the planning phase before welcoming the first teacher residents in 2027-2028.

Priority 3: Community

Parents Partners

 *on the Journey*

Parents as Partners is back! Belton ISD families are invited to connect, learn and grow alongside us through Parents as Partners. Throughout the year, we'll share helpful resources and opportunities designed to support families as partners in their student's journey. Learn more and see what's coming up [here](#).

At The Core: Cultivating Community





Priority 4: Financial Management

2026 -2027 Budget Adopted

At their meeting on August 17, the Board of Trustees approved a balanced budget for the 2026 - 2027 school year that included a 1.5% average compensation increase for staff and a lower tax rate for voters. BISD has lowered the tax rate by 30% over the last ten years.

- 2026-2027 Tax Rate

	Adopted 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027	Inc /(Dec)
M&O	\$ 0.7869	\$ 0.7552	\$ (0.0317)
I&S	\$ 0.3625	\$ 0.3625	\$ -
Tax Rate	\$ 1.1494	\$ 1.1177	\$ (0.0317)

Bond 2022 Projects Wrap Up

Projects from the 2022 Bond approved by voters are wrapping up and additional \$2m in bond saving has allowed for additional capital projects including:

- **Security Cameras** - Belton Middle School, Lake Belton Middle School, North Belton Middle School, and South Belton Middle School
- **Playground Safety Fencing** - Lakewood Elementary, Leon Heights Elementary, and Tarver Elementary
- **Transfinder Bus Tablets**
- **Belton High School** - Switchgear Replacement, HVAC - Direct Digital Control Additions, HVAC - Chilled Water System Upgrades
- **Classroom LED Lighting** - Belton Middle School and Lakewood Elementary

BOND 2022
COMMUNITY APPROVED \$173.8M THANK YOU VOTERS

100% PROJECTS COMPLETED
\$4M BOND SAVING
305K \$0.FT. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT-WIDE
15 SECURITY RESTROOMS
18 PORTABLES REMOVED

EW ILITIES
BUBBELL ELEMENTARY

38 BUSES W/ SEAT BELTS

NOVATIONS ADDITIONS

HUBBARD BRANCH ELEMENTARY

345 HVAC UNITS DISTRICT-WIDE

SOUTHWEST

LAKE BELTON MS

DELTA CAMPUS

AGRICULTURE BARN

BELTON HS

Important Dates

S A V E T H E D A T E !



September 7: Labor Day (District closed)

September 8: Parents as Partners: Skyward, ParentSquare, School Cafe (Virtual)

September 15: Parents as Partners: Standards-Based Learning (Virtual)

September 21: Regular Board Workshop & Meeting

October 8-9 : Student Holiday: Fall Break

October 12: Fall Break (District closed)

October 13: Parents as Partners: Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness (Virtual)

October 13: Parents as Partners: DL/ESL Parent Meeting

October 19: Regular Board Workshop & Meeting

October 20: Parents as Partners: Dyslexia

October 30: Student Holiday: Parent/Teacher Conference Day

November 10: Parents as Partners: Helping Students Cope with Anxiety (Virtual)

November 11: Veterans Day (District closed)

November 16: Regular Board Workshop & Meeting

November 23-27: Thanksgiving Break (District closed)

Important Links

[2026-2027 Student Calendar](#)

[Take the Journey](#)

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We are Hiring



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