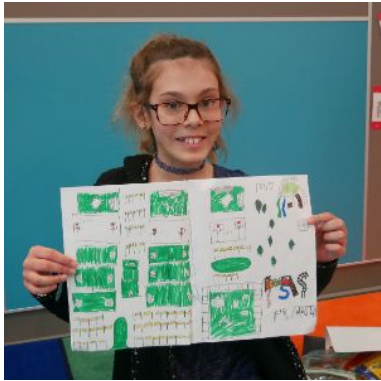


February 23, 2022



Message from Superintendent



Hello, Big Red Community!

In Belton ISD, we believe the learning experiences of our students are enhanced through the engagement of our community. We know there is a strong desire within our community for parents to be more informed and engaged in their child's education. For these reasons, I am excited to bring you some updates from our Board workshop on Monday.

On February 21, our Board of Trustees met and reviewed many of our existing community engagement initiatives.

As the Team of 8, we discussed our student focus groups about the Journey of a Graduate competencies, seeking student voice in the elementary school design process and the parent and community participation in the Bond Exploration Committee.

To provide exceptional learning experiences for each and every student, we believe our efforts must go further. The Board and I discussed several ways they would like to see the district increase stakeholder involvement.

Based on feedback, we are looking at ways to help parents review curriculum and weigh in on educational experiences for their children. One piece of our future plans is to make instructional materials more accessible online, so parents can be more aware and involved. Another example may be implementing processes to inform parents about the reading material their children are accessing through BISD libraries. We believe it's important for our schools to partner with parents so they can feel good about what their children are learning and reading.

Parents and positive adult role models can have a significant and powerful impact on students, especially those who may be struggling. That's why we plan to add parent input opportunities regarding student behavior expectations in addition to expanding on-campus volunteer opportunities for parents and community members.

The conversations with the Board at the workshop were exciting, and we are all in agreement that we must get more voices to inform our student-centered decisions.

We will share information about these opportunities in the weeks and months ahead as plans move forward.

Thank you for your support and dedication to our students. Have a great week.

Matt Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent

News



Leadership Belton Tours Belton High School

New Online Portal Will Help Parents Partner with Schools on Career Readiness

District Moves to Scenario 2 of COVID-19 Response Plan

SBMS Students, Staff Featured in TDA Public Service Announcements

Teachers, Staff Recharge at Annual Professional Development Conference

BEEF Receives \$35,000 to Establish Two New Scholarships

What's Happening

Reminder: Belton ISD 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.**



Tennis/Golf Tournaments Planned to Support BEEF

The Belton Educational Enrichment Foundation's annual tennis tournament is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on March 5 at the Wildflower Country Club. The annual golf tournament is scheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on March 7 at the Wildflower Country Club. Proceeds from both tournaments will help the

foundation continue to support students and teachers in Belton ISD through grants and scholarships. [Learn more.](#)



TENNIS TOURNAMENT MARCH 5
8:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.

GOLF TOURNAMENT MARCH 7
10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

PLAYED AT WILD FLOWER COUNTRY CLUB

Upcoming Events

- March 5: **Job Fair**
- March 5: **BEEF Tennis Tournament**
- March 7-11: Texas Public Schools Week
- March 7: **BEEF Golf Tournament**
- March 8: **Board Policy Session Meeting**
- March 11: **Transfer Application Deadline**
- March 14-18: **Spring Break**
- March 18: Tidwell Field Naming Ceremony
- March 24: Community Bond Presentation
- March 23: Jace Jefferson Batting Cages Dedication
- March 28: **Board Meeting**
- April 4: **Policy Committee Meeting**
- April 5: Community Bond Presentation
- April 12: Community Bond Presentation
- April 21: Community Bond Presentation
- April 26-28: Pre-K Enrollment

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