

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item
August 17, 2026

Item: Recognitions

Contact Person: Christine Parks

Presented for: ☐ Action ☒ Report Only

Supporting Documents: ☒ None ☐ Attached ☐ Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Priority 1: Students - Ensure exceptional learning experiences that bring our “Journey of a Graduate” to life for each and every student.

Priority 2: Staff - Attract, support, and retain exceptional educators and staff to ensure every student is guided and supported by an outstanding team.

Background Information:

Student Pledges – Chisholm Trail Elementary School

This evening, the pledges were led by third graders Charlotte Bohannon and Emma Gresham from Chisholm Trail Elementary School.

Charlotte's favorite subject is math because she enjoys solving problems and working with numbers. When she's not at school, she loves acting in theater productions and spending time with friends. Her friends say she's kind, lovely and always willing to help others.

Emma's favorite subject is writing because she loves creating stories about real and imaginary adventures. Outside of school, she enjoys swimming and archery. Her friends describe her as kind, caring and always thoughtful.

Student Showcase - Belton High School Drumline

Tonight's student showcase featured the Belton High School Drumline, bringing the energy, precision and passion that make percussion a crowd favorite.

Under the direction of Ian Smith, this year's ensemble is the largest Belton High School drumline in the past 10 years. Last season, the group was the highest-scoring 5A high school at the Drums in the Heartland percussion contest and earned the Best Front Ensemble award.

More than half of the drumline's members have also earned a place in a regional honor band, showcasing the talent, discipline and dedication that continue to set the tempo for fine arts excellence in Belton ISD.

National History Day National Qualifiers

Congratulations to the Lake Belton Middle School and Lake Belton High School documentary teams for their outstanding accomplishments at the National History Day Contest.

Both teams were selected to present their research during the National History Day Documentary Showcase at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., an honor awarded to only 22 documentary teams from across the country.

The celebration continued as the Lake Belton Middle School team captured the National History Day Junior Group Documentary national championship, earning first place in the nation.

Congratulations to these exceptional student historians for representing Belton ISD with excellence on the national stage!

Department Showcase: Teaching and Learning

Tonight's department showcase highlights the Belton ISD Teaching and Learning team, which supports students and educators across all 20 campuses.

From developing curriculum and strengthening instructional practices to providing professional learning for teachers, this team helps ensure each and every student has access to high-quality learning opportunities. They also oversee specialized programs, including career and technology education, advanced academics, gifted and talented, English learners, Section 504 and special education, while leading the district's assessment, accountability and data efforts.

We thank the Teaching and Learning team for their dedication to supporting our schools and helping students succeed.

Community Partner – CGI

Tonight, we are proud to recognize CGI as a valued community partner for its continued investment in Belton ISD students.

From providing backpacks and school supplies through Project Heartbeat to donating Christmas gifts for McKinney-Vento students, CGI helps remove barriers and support students when they need it most. They also inspire future innovators by hosting the annual Sphero Coding Camp and supporting Career Builders and Manufacturing Day, giving students hands-on experiences that spark interest in engineering, technology and advanced manufacturing.

We are grateful for CGI's continued partnership and the many ways they support Belton ISD students, families and schools.

Fiscal Implications:

None.

Administrative Recommendation(s):

None.