

**Belton Independent School District**  
***Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item***  
***December 15, 2025***

**Item:** Belton Rotary Educator of the Quarter

**Contact Person:** Jennifer Ramirez

**Presented for:** ☐ Action ☒ Report Only

**Supporting Documents:** ☒ None ☐ Attached ☐ Provided Later

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**District Goal or Objective Addressed:**

Goal 3: Attract, retain, and support a world-class team of employees.

**Background Information:**

Melissa Baggett is being recognized by the Belton Rotary Club as the Rotary Educator of the Quarter for her outstanding service to Belton ISD. Melissa serves as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Sparta Elementary School. She is in her 3rd year in education, all being at Sparta.

Debi Younger, Principal at Sparta Elementary, stated the following about Ms. Baggett:

I'm thrilled to nominate Melissa Baggett for the Outstanding Educator Award! Honestly, what makes her so special is the genuine, heartfelt caring and compassion she has for every single student. You can see her dedication in how hard she works to ensure each student reaches their absolute fullest potential. Crucially, Ms. Baggett simply doesn't accept failure; she is the ultimate champion for her students, constantly encouraging and guiding them until they succeed. She doesn't just teach; she builds meaningful connections—not just with the kids, but with their families and all of us on the staff. She isn't just a teacher; she's a huge part of our school family. And trust me, watching her brilliantly balance the demands of her career with raising her three active children is nothing short of inspiring! Plus, she is an incredible teammate—always the first to volunteer and lend a hand. She constantly works to sharpen her skills and is truly an inspiration to everyone in our building. Most importantly, her commitment delivers, as evidenced by the amazing results her students consistently achieve. Melissa was truly born to be a teacher, embodying the very definition of what an outstanding educator should be.

**Fiscal Implications:**

N/A

**Administrative Recommendation(s):**

Honor Melissa Baggett for her service to Belton ISD.