

**Belton Independent School District**  
***Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item***  
***May 12, 2025***

**Item:** Temple Rotary Educator of the Month

**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:**

Cody Ward is being recognized by the Temple Rotary Club as the Rotary Educator of the Month for April for his outstanding service to Belton ISD. Cody serves as a 6th grade history teacher at North Belton Middle School. He is in his 4th year in education, all at Belton ISD.

Loren Hernandez, Instructional Coach at North Belton Middle School, stated the following about Mr. Ward:

Mr. Ward came to North Belton while he was pursuing his teaching certification through an alternative certification program. In his first year teaching, he faced many challenges while being required to teach two different grade levels with very different content. Cody was humble and sought out coaching at every turn. His second year on campus was again faced with challenges of teaching two grade levels and losing a principal mid-year. However, Cody made great strides as an educator and became more and more confident with each new unit. Cody's third year is when he truly blossomed into an amazing teacher. He has one of the most smoothly run classrooms on campus, his students are engaged and excited to come to class, and students are given the opportunity to express their learning in a variety of ways. Cody has been known to fully commit to creating engaging experiences for all students by dressing up as a character from the time period and location in the world that they are studying in class. He is dedicated to ensuring that all of his students are learning and succeeding in class.

**Fiscal Implications:**

N/A

**Administrative Recommendation(s):**

Honor Cody Ward for his service to Belton ISD.