

**Belton Independent School District**  
**Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item**

**December 16, 2024**

**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:**

Casey Cooper is being recognized by the Temple Rotary Club as the Rotary Educator of the Month for November for her outstanding service to Belton ISD. Casey serves as a special education teacher at High Point Elementary. She is in her 3rd year in education.

Courtney Brewer, Assistant Principal at High Point Elementary, stated the following about Mrs. Cooper:

Mrs. Cooper is a fantastic example of a world-class employee. She is a prime collaborator on campus connecting with colleagues across all grade levels and programs. As a resource and inclusion teacher, she works diligently to build strong relationships with homeroom teachers to ensure appropriate support for each and every student. She is a huge support for instruction and behavior to her team as they are all new teachers or new to the campus. Her team expresses their appreciation for her on a consistent basis. She also is a model for collaboration with families. Her approach with parents is gentle and very informative. Listening to her describe a child's progress in an IEP meeting makes my heart smile every time. It's clear that she takes time and interest in each of her students' academic and social-emotional growth.

In addition to being a role model collaborator, she also exemplifies the qualities of a professional learner. She takes initiative in learning a variety of strategies to target skills and needs of students. With that, she is open to new ideas and learning from her peers. She uses a variety of data points in order to make decisions on next steps for students evidenced by one of her goals which is to improve the writing of her students.

Overall, Mrs. Cooper is a key leader on campus and such a devoted team member for students.

**Fiscal Implications:**

N/A

**Administrative Recommendation(s):**

Honor Casey Cooper for her service to Belton ISD.