

A photograph of a police officer in a dark uniform standing in a school hallway with three children. The officer is in the center, smiling, with his arms around the children. To his left are two boys, one in a white hoodie and glasses, and another in a patterned shirt. To his right is a girl in a dark shirt. The background shows a hallway with a blue banner that says "Learning Today. Leading Tomorrow" and an "EXIT" sign.

Action: Resolution for Good Cause Exception Regarding Texas House Bill 3

BELTON ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Board Meeting
July 21, 2025





Purpose



Provide the Board of Trustees a recommendation for meeting the armed security officer requirement for the 2025-2026 school year.



Texas HB 3 Requirement

Requires at least one armed security officer to be present during regular school hours at each district campus

Under the Standard: An armed security officer must be:

- A school district peace officer;
- A school resource officer (SRO); or
- A commissioned peace officer employed as security



Good Cause Exception



Good cause exception due to lack of:

- Funding; or
- Personnel who qualify to serve as an armed officer

A district that claims a good cause exemption must develop an alternative standard.



Alternative Standard



An alternative standard may include providing a person to act as a security officer who is:

- A school district employee or a person with whom the district contracts who:
 - Has completed school safety training provided by a qualified handgun instructor; and
 - Carries a handgun on school premises in accordance with written regulations or written authorization of the district.



Proposed Alternate Standard

10 Current School Resource Officers

19 Contracted Armed Security Officers

29 Total Armed Staff



Recommendation

Vets Securing America will provide armed security officers for the 2025-2026 school year beginning on August 12, 2025 and ending on May 21, 2026 for (contractual financial obligation).



Discussion

