

**Belton Independent School District**  
***Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item***  
***April 21, 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:**

Christina Botha is being recognized by the Temple Rotary Club as the Rotary Educator of the Month for March for her outstanding service to Belton ISD. Christina serves as a 3rd grade English Language Arts teacher at Tarver Elementary School. She is in her 11th year in education, 4<sup>th</sup> year at Tarver Elementary.

Aubrey Itz, Principal at Tarver Elementary, stated the following about Ms. Botha:

I am nominating Christina Botha for the Temple Rotary. She exemplifies the highest standards of excellence in education. Her dedication to student growth is unwavering, consistently demonstrated through her insightful understanding of each student's unique learning needs.

Christina masterfully designs engaging and challenging lessons that ignite curiosity and inspire critical thinking. Her classroom is a dynamic environment where students are actively involved in their learning, encouraged to explore, and develop a deep understanding of reading concepts. She has seamlessly integrated a Thinking Classroom Structure in to ELAR allowing her students to collaborate and express their ideas.

Beyond academic achievement, Mrs. Botha empowers students to celebrate their own accomplishments and believe in themselves. She creates a supportive and inclusive classroom where every student feels valued and respected.

Mrs. Botha is also a true mentor to her colleagues. She willingly shares her expertise, guiding and supporting other teachers in their professional development. Her classroom often serves as a model for observation, allowing fellow educators to witness her innovative teaching methods and classroom structures firsthand.

Christina Botha's commitment to excellence, extra serves she volunteers for with the district, her passion for education, and her profound impact on the lives of her students make her a truly deserving recipient of this recognition. We are blessed to have her serve our community and be a part of our Pack!

**Fiscal Implications:**

N/A

**Administrative Recommendation(s):**

Honor Christina Botha for her service to Belton ISD.