

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

***March 30, 2026***

**Item:** Consider, Discuss, and Take Appropriate Action on Resolution Regarding Seat Belt Requirements

**Contact Person:** Dr. Cassandra Spearman

**Presented for:**  Action     Report Only

**Supporting Documents:**     None     Attached     Provided Later

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**District Goal or Objective Addressed:**

Goal 5: Maximize our use of resources for both current priorities and plans for the future.

**Background Information:**

Senate Bill 546 (89th Texas Legislature) amends the Texas Transportation Code to require that all school buses be equipped with three-point (lap-shoulder) seat belts for every seating position, including the driver, by September 1, 2029. Districts facing significant financial hardship may seek an exception by adopting a formal resolution stating their inability to meet this deadline.

**Fiscal Implications:**

None

**Administrative Recommendation(s):**

Adopt a resolution determining that the District's current budget does not permit full compliance with SB 546 by September 1, 2029, due to significant financial hardship as presented.