

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

March 23, 2026



BOARD: Recognition

SUBJECT: Awards, Achievement, and Recognitions

BOARD POLICY: BJA(Local)

DISTRICT GOAL: Brazosport ISD will promote, communicate, and market the accomplishments, achievements, and successes of students and staff

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

Background Information:

- In alignment with our district's strategic plan, it is desired that BISD work to foster student and employee engagement and community partnerships. One effort towards goal achievement is to recognize and affirm the efforts and performances of our students, staff, and community.

Administrative Considerations:

Mission First, Team Always Educators

The purpose of the Mission First, Team Always Educator award is to recognize staff members who prioritize student success with purpose and integrity, foster collaboration and trust to strengthen the team, and embrace innovation and lifelong learning to prepare students to be Future Ready. Our March Mission First, Team Always Educators are:

- Secondary-Rasco Middle School- Kelsye Kishpaugh- Life Skills Teacher
- Elementary- Freeport Elementary- Nancy Sepulveda- Bilingual Pre-Kinder Teacher

Announcement of Principals of the Year:

Elementary Principal of the Year

Jennifer Slater, principal of O.M. Roberts Elementary, is known for her steady leadership and deep commitment to student success. Having served as assistant principal on the campus for nine years before being named principal in 2024, she stepped into the role with a strong foundation and a clear vision for continued excellence.

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Reflecting on her time on the campus, Mrs. Slater shared, “Roberts has become my family. Our staff have shared in each other’s joys and sorrows and supported each other throughout the years. They are the most caring staff I’ve ever worked with. I love how they focus on ways to help all of our students -not just in academics, but ensuring they have access to essential resources and social/emotional support they need to thrive in every aspect of their lives. Our staff makes school a place where every child feels valued, safe, and cared for. I could not ask for a better place to be than Roberts and BISD!”

Mrs. Slater brings a diverse professional background to her role. Before moving into campus leadership, she served as a middle school science department head and science teacher, as well as working as a science research assistant, university academic advisor, and cell scientist/subtask manager supporting NASA-related projects through Wyle Life Sciences. She holds a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership from Lamar University and a Bachelor’s degree in Biomedical Science from Texas A&M University.

Passionate about making learning relevant, Mrs. Slater encourages real-world, student-centered experiences, ensuring students have the foundation in reading and math to communicate their knowledge and be lifelong learners. She and her family are proud to call Lake Jackson home, where both of her children are products of a great BISD education -one a graduating Senior and one currently at Texas A&M.

Secondary Principal of the Year

Herman Hebert, principal of Lighthouse Learning Center, leads with humility, heart, and a deep belief in the power of teamwork. During his recent surprise recognition as Brazosport ISD’s Secondary Principal of the Year, announced by Superintendent Danny Massey, Hebert was quick to credit his staff for the honor. “I could not do this without you,” he shared. “Thank you for showing up every day —I appreciate you greatly.”

Hebert describes his campus in three words: Impact, Influence, and Accountability — principles that guide his daily work with students and staff. He encourages students to remember that their future is still being written. “You have the time and opportunity to right the ship. Write an encouraging story,” he advises.

He shared that one of the most meaningful lessons he has learned as a campus leader is the importance of listening. “My students have made me a better listener,” he explains. “They may struggle with communication, but if I step back and look past the emotion, there is always a story that needs to be heard.”

Herman Hebert joined Brazosport ISD more than a decade ago, first serving as an assistant principal at Brazoswood High School after spending ten years as a special education teacher. Before taking the helm of the Lighthouse, Hebert served for three years as a Special Services Coordinator of Behavior Support. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Health Education from Texas Southern University and a Master of Education in Leadership from Lamar University. Inspired by his parents’ example of hard work and determination, he chose a career in

education to make a difference in the lives of others. Hebert says the most rewarding part of his work is building relationships with students and staff — and sharing a smile that reflects the positive culture he strives to create each day.

Athletic Recognitions:

The following athletes will be recognized for qualifying for state-level competition.

- **State Swimmers**

- **Brazosport High School**

- **Sophie Stowers** (Senior) competed at the UIL State Swimming Championships on February 12th and 13th, 2026, in San Antonio. This was Sophie's fourth appearance at the State Championships. She entered the 2026 Championships with five state medals from the previous three years. Sophie added a sixth medal to her achievements by claiming the Silver medal (2nd) in the 100 Yard Butterfly, with a time of 27:52. Sophie competed again at this State Championship, qualifying for the 100 Yard Backstroke. She finished fourth in the event, just a half-second off the podium. Sophie has represented Brazosport High School athletically and academically with excellence. She is at the top of her graduating class!

- **State Wrestler**

- **Bazoswood High School**

- **Kynlee Scalf** (Junior) competed at the UIL State Wrestling Championships on February 13th and 14th, 2026, at the Berry Center in CyFair ISD. Kynlee was the 6A District 12 Runner Up in her weight class, which qualified her for the Regional Championships. Kynlee placed at the Regional Meet, which qualified her for the State Championships. Kynlee finished the season with 42 wins. She will look to build on this great season during her 2027 season.
 - **Maria Gonzalez** (Senior) competed at the UIL State Wrestling Championships on February 13th and 14th, 2026, at the Berry Center in CyFair ISD. Maria placed at the District 12 Meet and at the Regional Championships, which qualified her for the State Championships. Maria finished her career as a 2x District Champion, a 3x Regional Qualifier, and a 2x State Qualifier. Maria also holds the Brazoswood Girls Wrestling All-Time wins record with 124 wins.
 - **Luis Garcia** (Senior) competed at the UIL State Wrestling Championships on February 13th and 14th, 2026, at the Berry Center in CyFair ISD. Luis was the 6A District 12 Champion in his weight class, which qualified him for the Regional Championships. Luis was the 6A Runner Up at the Regional Championship, which qualified him for the State Championships. Luis competed well at the UIL State Championships, earning himself a 5th-place spot on the State Podium. Luis finished the season with 45 wins.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting minutes
- Social Media

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- District Website

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Respectfully submitted,

Danny Massey
Superintendent