

Belton Independent School District
Board of Trustee Meeting Agenda Item

May 18, 2026

Item: Temple Rotary Educator of the Month

Contact Person: Jennifer Ramirez

Presented for: Action Report Only

Supporting Documents: None Attached Provided Later

District Goal or Objective Addressed:

Goal 3: Attract, retain, and support a world-class team of employees.

Background Information:

Shelby Cozart & Ty Carter are being recognized by the Temple Rotary Club as the Rotary Educators of the Month for March for their outstanding service to Belton ISD. Shelby and Ty both serve as Theatre teachers at Lake Belton High School. Shelby is in her 8th year in education, all being with Belton ISD. Ty is in his 4th year in education, all being with Lake Belton High School

Katie Doughty, Assistant Principal at Lake Belton High School, stated the following about Shelby and Ty:

Cozart and Carter do more than just direct plays; they foster a sanctuary of belonging. They embody the motto "each and every," ensuring that whether a student is a lead performer or a first-time stagehand, they feel heard, seen, and valued. In their classrooms, diversity of thought and identity is not just accepted—it is celebrated. They both have a rare gift for identifying the unique potential in every student, often believing in them until they are ready to believe in themselves.

In an environment as complex as high school theater, they are both seen as ultimate collaborators. They function as the bridge between departments, working seamlessly with administration, faculty, and parents to elevate the entire school culture. They are the first to offer a helping hand to colleagues and the last to take credit for the successes they facilitate. Their leadership style is defined by humility, reliability, and an unwavering commitment to the collective mission of LBHS.

The quality of productions at LBHS is a direct reflection of the countless hours they both invest behind the scenes. From late-night rehearsals to weekend set builds, they give their own time freely to ensure their students have a professional-grade experience. Their "above and beyond" isn't a seasonal effort—it is their standard. Because of their tireless advocacy and work ethic, the students at LBHS aren't just learning theater; they are learning the value of excellence and the power of community.

Fiscal Implications:

N/A

Administrative Recommendation(s):

Honor Shelby Cozart and Ty Carter for their service to Belton ISD.