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Subject: Re: BTS Request

Bountiful Elementary School is currently on the BTS Arts waitlist. Principal **Casey Pickett**, who previously led a BTS Arts school, knows the impact of arts integration firsthand. While awaiting funding to bring BTS Arts to Bountiful Elementary, she participates in the BTS Artist in Residency Program to keep the arts alive for her students.

Statement submitted by Casey Pickett, Principal of Bountiful Elementary School:

The BTS program is vital to our teachers, students, and community because it provides something increasingly essential in today's world, an outlet for creativity, connection, and emotional expression. At a time when the social and emotional well-being of children is more critical than ever, BTS offers students a safe and meaningful way to process feelings, build confidence, and experience joy through learning. For many students, it is their first introduction to learning in a different way, one that honors movement, expression, and creativity alongside academics. Teachers see increased engagement and stronger connections with their students, while the broader school community feels the positive ripple effects. As a principal, I witness firsthand how BTS transforms the climate of our building, it brings energy, joy, and a sense of belonging that is felt the moment you walk through the doors of my school.

Casey Pickett

Bountiful Elementary

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