



# BOARD BRIEFS

GREGORY-PORTLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



### NOVEMBER

**NOV 15 • 6 p.m.**

Regular Board Meeting  
G-PISD Central Office

**NOV 18 • Various Times**

Grandparent's Day  
@ All Elementary Campuses  
& G-P Intermediate School

**NOV 21-15 • All Week**

Thanksgiving Holiday  
All Campuses, Offices



### DECEMBER

**DEC 13 • 6 p.m.**

Regular Board Meeting  
G-PISD Central Office

**DEC 16 • Early Release**

Prior to Winter Break  
All Campuses

**DEC 19 - JAN 1**

Winter Holiday  
All Campuses, Offices

## NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN SPRING

The design phase is complete for the new elementary school that will be constructed on Moore Avenue, and G-PISD is now at the halfway point for construction document review and completion. Following this phase, the school district will receive bids and award a contractor to begin construction in the Spring. "We are very pleased with the progress that has been made to date," said Dr. Paul Clore, Superintendent of Schools. "We are all looking forward to breaking ground and seeing this beautiful new school become a reality." The campus is being funded thanks to the community's support of the latest bond package, which passed with no increase to taxes in May of 2015. The \$25 Million project will feature a design scheme from Garza, Bomberger & Associates, an architectural firm out of San Antonio, Texas.



## Rendering of Design for New Elementary School Campus

Coming soon, the new elementary school campus at Moore Avenue will feature a clerestory, or raised section of roof, above the main entry. Students who reside in the district boundary for W.C. Andrews Elementary will attend school at the new location. [CLICK HERE for more photos.](#)

## JUNIOR HIGH PARKING LOT TO BE COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>

- Repairs to the Circular Drive/Entrance to be Scheduled during Winter Break -  
Repaving of the parking lot at G-P Junior High School is nearly complete, after crews worked to make up some time lost due to rain delays. It is scheduled to be completed by Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, and crews will return during Winter Break to repair and coat the circular entrance leading up to the main doors of the Junior High campus.



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## G-P CAMPUSES MET STANDARD FOR 2016 STATE ACCOUNTABILITY

### Several G-PISD Schools awarded hard-earned distinction designations

As state testing requirements continue to become more rigorous, Gregory-Portland ISD administrators and staff have been working hard to meet and exceed expectations across the system. Testing results from 2016 confirmed that every G-PISD campus "Met Standard" for state requirements. A closer look reveals that G-PISD scores by content area and grade level were consistently higher than the average scores at other school districts in our region as well as higher than the average scores across the state. The only content area that did not meet or exceed the state average were results from end-of-course exams in English I and English II at the high school. "We know this is an area we need to improve, and we're already working to make gains in the coming year," said Kim Story, Secondary Curriculum Director.

Elementary Curriculum Director Tina Ybarra presented state accountability summary information to Trustees at a board meeting on October 18th. "While TEA has confirmed that all of our campuses met standard this year, there were also several who received distinction designations for high performance," said Ybarra. "These are NOT easy to achieve, and we commend the campuses who earned them." Among those distinctions are: G-P Junior High for "Top 25 Percent Closing Performance Gaps;" G-P Intermediate School for "Academic Achievement in Mathematics;" East Cliff and T.M. Clark Elementary Schools for "Academic Achievement in Science;" W.C. Andrews Elementary School for "Top 25 Percent Closing Performance Gaps" and "Postsecondary Readiness."

Performance Index Reports also showed G-PISD campuses exceeding the state's target score for Index 3: Closing Performance Gaps, however school officials and Trustees are currently working together to close more specific performance gaps that exist among individual student groups. "We aren't satisfied with seeing gaps in student performance at any level - we want every student to have the support they need to succeed," said Superintendent Dr. Clore.

## G-P SPECIAL EDUCATION MAKES GAINS IN PBMAS

Selected program areas for Texas school districts are evaluated annually by the Texas Education Agency through its Performance-Based Monitoring Analysis System (PBMAS). G-PISD's 2016 results were reported to Trustees this month, and included some significant improvements in indicators for special education (SPED).

"We've really made some important changes to benefit students in the last year," said Barbie Ezell-Tumlinson, Director of Special Education. "Scores were maintained or improved for the majority of SPED indicators in PBMAS. This is largely because we are carefully evaluating the needs of every student and ensuring that students who can be placed in a least-restrictive environment are given that opportunity."

Some of the largest gains since 2015 included a rating of "0" (highest possible score) for SPED Regular Early Childhood programs. "Last year, we had a '3' rating and we were glad to see that change," Ezell-Tumlinson said. The lowest possible score in PBMAS is a "4" rating.



## GPTV Services Now Available for Events

Trustees received a report at the last board meeting regarding the business model established for operation of the new scoreboard technology at the stadium. The public can request GPTV services for special events. This information, including rates and fees, is available online ([CLICK HERE to view](#)).

## Other Approvals, Action taken by Trustees in the last month include:

- Approval of actions necessary for final project closeout of the new East Cliff Elementary School
- Approval of policy update affecting EHBAF (LOCAL) regarding video/audio monitoring
- Approval to nominate G-PISD Trustee Carrie Gregory for consideration to serve on the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Board of Directors

*Content above is not all-inclusive. A complete listing of agenda (and action) items can be found at [www.g-pisd.org](http://www.g-pisd.org).*

## NEW DISTRICT, CAMPUS WEBSITES - COMING SOON!

Frequent visitors to G-PISD district and campus websites will soon see something new - especially when viewing with a mobile device. Unlike the existing websites, the new design will be fully responsive with a built-in mobile version. Teacher pages are also being updated, with content designed to be easy for teachers to use ... and easy for viewers to navigate. Each campus will be able to update their own website content, with new stories and photos posted weekly, and calendars are being modified. The websites will go live as soon as they are ready for release, no later than January 30, 2017.

