



# Gregory-Portland Independent School District

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## DISTRICT PRIORITIES FOR THE 87<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE

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### **School Finance**

- Maintain state funding and protect the new Basic Allotment amount for school districts.
- Oppose any legislation or finance mechanism that increases recapture.
- Delay HB 3 implementation before making any cuts to the Foundation School Program.
- Support use of the Rainy Day to limit cuts to education.
- Protect the school district fund balances.
- Advocate for additional funding for school facilities.
- Support a broadband plan to help school districts with WiFi and connectivity.

### **Accountability & Curriculum**

- Support accountability that takes the pandemic into consideration.
- Amend graduation requirements to allow students to take one year of Fine Arts or CTE
- Advocate for the continuation of Individual Graduation Committees.

### **Governance**

- Maintain Ch. 313 provisions in the Tax Code.
- Oppose legislation that limit representation before the Texas Legislature.
- Expand the uses of the Instructional Materials Allotment to include hotspots.
- Update the immunization laws to include the Covid19 vaccine if it becomes available.
- Protect the District of Innovation law from any changes.
- Oppose new unfunded mandates or repeal existing ones.

### **Teacher Retirement System**

- Advocate for the continuation of the current defined benefit pension program for members.
- Amend retire-rehire provisions to give ISDs and employees more flexibility.

### **Charters**

- Oppose the further expansion of publicly funded charter schools.
- Advocate to improve transparency, notice, input, and consideration before a charter can be approved or expanded.