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## **Gregory-Portland Independent School District**

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## **G-PISD School Board President Victor Hernandez** resigns after 12 Years of Service as a Trustee

This week during a regular meeting of the Gregory-Portland ISD School Board, President Victor Hernandez submitted his letter of resignation to his fellow Trustees. Hernandez emphasized that his reasons for stepping down were personal, citing a need to focus on time with his family.

"It has been a great pleasure and honor to have served the district for the past 12 years," he said. "I wish the board well and have all the faith and confidence that the district is in great hands and will continue to provide the very best leadership and stewardship for all of the students of Gregory-Portland."

Board Vice President Carrie Gregory expressed gratitude on behalf of the board for the service and leadership Hernandez has provided to G-PISD. "He has been a strong proponent for education, in particular early education, during his tenure as a Board President and Board Member," said Gregory, after the close of the meeting. "He's an educator by trade, so his voice and guidance has been invaluable to all of us for many years and we will miss having his expertise, vision, and passion for cultivating student success as he moves on to take care of other needs."

Gregory said she is thankful Hernandez will continue to remain in the district and support the efforts of G-PISD. "You don't know until you become a school board member just how much time and effort is required to help lead the district," she said. "We spend many nights throughout each month together, some weekends and weeks at conferences, trainings, and meetings. We spend time away from our own families and friends to commit to giving back to our schools, and he's done that for 12 years now. He's done a marvelous job, and has certainly earned the chance to have that personal time back. We are thankful for his hard work, and wish him all the best!"

Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos echoed the same, sharing her gratitude for Hernandez and his work in G-PISD. "His devotion and service to our district and our students cannot be measured. When I was first hired in G-P two years ago, I inherited one of the best school boards and districts in the State of Texas. The commitment our Trustees have to our students, teachers, staff, families, and community cannot be overstated. They are the kind of team that is united, visionary, and focused on doing what is right over what is easy or convenient, and they have been that team under the leadership of President Hernandez. I cannot thank him enough, and I look forward to continuing to work with him in the community."

Dr. Cavazos said the team will be reviewing options under current Board Policy to determine how to proceed with the vacancy following this resignation. "I am confident that the strength of this team is a direct reflection of each member, and I have no doubt they will continue exercising the same level of excellence in leadership that I've been fortunate to witness while serving with each of them. I look forward to working with all of them, and with the new Trustee to join the team along a timeline to be set by the Board very soon."

Hernandez was first elected to the G-PISD Board of Trustees on May 14, 2011. He was re-elected May 4, 2019, and his term was set to expire in May of 2023. Trustees will determine next steps based on legal options to fill a board vacancy as outlined in <u>Board Policy BBC(LEGAL)</u>.