
Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District

Board Action Item

Action or Consent:	Action
Meeting Date:	September 28, 2026
Subject:	Consider and Act on Legislative Priorities
Contact Person:	Paula Barbaroux, Chief Operations Officer
Policy/Code:	Board Policy BDF(LOCAL)
Priority and Performance Objective:	Priority 1: Student Achievement and Post Secondary Preparedness Objective 1.1: Academic Growth and Development Objective 1.2: College and/or Career and/or Military Readiness Objective 1.3: Safety and Well-Being Objective 1.4: Student Involvement Priority 2: Faculty and Staff Recruitment, Retention and Capacity-Building Objective 2.1: Recruitment Objective 2.2: Employee Retention and Employee Satisfaction Priority 3: Parents, Families and Community Satisfaction and Engagement Objective 3.1: Parents and Families Satisfaction and Engagement Objective 3.2: Community Engagement and Partnerships Priority 4: Strong Financial Stewardship and Internal System Efficiency Objective 4.1: Transparent Financial Stewardship Objective 4.2: Effective and Efficient District Operations
Summary:	The purpose of the GCISD Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) is to advise the Board of Trustees and Superintendent on legislative matters affecting the district, students, staff, and

community, and to develop and communicate legislative priorities for the 90th Texas Legislative Session that align with GCISD's mission and strategic priorities.

To accomplish the above purpose, the LAC's objectives are as follows:

- Recommend legislative priorities for Board consideration and approval for the 90th Legislative session.
- Review and monitor legislation and regulatory actions impacting public education.
- Coordinate advocacy efforts that reflect Board-approved positions for the 90th Legislative Session.
- Foster relationships with local, state, and federal elected officials.
- Encourage civic engagement and educate stakeholders on public education policy issues.
- Identify opportunities for district representatives to participate in legislative meetings, hearings, and advocacy events.
- Collaborate with educational, professional, and community organizations, institutions, and local businesses.

The LAC was convened four times to receive state- and district-level information and to develop proposed legislative priorities for community input. On September 15, the LAC hosted a community meeting where attendees were invited to review, discuss, and provide feedback on the proposed priorities. That information was collected and used by the committee to either further refine or reformulate the priorities being presented for consideration.

Attachments:

Proposed GCISD Legislative Priorities for the 90th Texas Legislative Session

Recommendation:

The recommendation is for the Board of Trustees to approve the GCISD Legislative Priorities as presented.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

90th Texas Legislative Session



1

ENSURE STRATEGIC, STABLE, AND PREDICTABLE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Enact hold-harmless provisions for any changes in local or state revenue to stabilize funding for public education.
- Provide funding necessary to enact legislative mandates required of public schools.
- Invest further in specialized programs, such as Career and Technical Education (CTE) to strengthen workforce development, and Special Education (SPED) to focus on vulnerable populations.
- Preserve flexibility and autonomy for districts to develop local revenue options.
- Strengthen automatic funding adjustments based on economic indicators to create stable and predictable revenue.
- Financially reward districts that achieve excellent daily attendance (like GCISD at 96%).

2

RECAPTURE REFORM

- Reinstitute a reduction in recapture obligation for districts that pay in advance.
- Establish financial relief by periodically reducing recapture obligations.
- Provide recapture relief that corresponds to the reduction in local tax rates and decreased attendance.
- Bolster local revenue options, including additional golden pennies and revising the levy on copper pennies.
- Require any increase in recapture payments to flow directly into increasing the basic allotment.
- Increase transparency of recapture taxes to explicitly track and account for how those funds are spent.

3

ESA ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- Require voter approval for any expansion of the Educational Savings Account (ESA) program.
- Create an increase in the basic allotment for every additional dollar given to the ESA program.
- Predicate any school or individual receiving ESA funds to submit to comparable accountability standards as public schools.
- Mandate an annual, recurring audit of the ESA program to ensure transparency.

4

EDUCATOR RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND SUPPORT

- Strengthen the previous investment in educator compensation and expand other educator benefits.
- Expand the metrics that factor into and roles that benefit from the Teacher Incentive Allotment.
- Expand educator career paths within CTE programming and funding.
- Establish perennial pay increases for educators in areas of critical need, including SPED and higher-level courses, and those who obtain a certification or advanced degree.
- Lessen the administrative overhead on classroom teachers.

DISTRICT POINTS OF PRIDE

HONOR OUR LEGACY. EQUIP FOR THE FUTURE. ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE.



 **13,018**
Students
1,583 iUPrep

 **1,800**
Employees
907 teachers

 **19**
Campuses

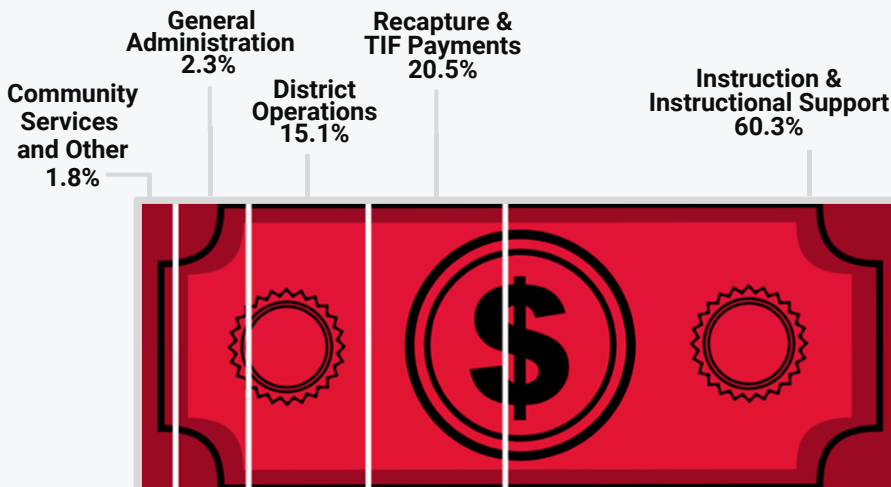
9 elementary
schools
4 middle
schools
2 high schools

1 early college
high school
1 virtual school
2 alternative
campuses

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD is a K-12 public school system located in the northeast corner of Tarrant County with a small portion extending into Dallas County to the east. The District includes the cities of Colleyville, Euless, Grapevine, and Hurst.

A **Rated District**
a Top Performing District in
Tarrant County

 **#1 PTA**
in Texas
8,478 PTA members



Source: GCISD Adopted Budget for the year ending June 30, 2027

 **26 CTE
Programs**
of study offered

**students earned
industry-based certifications**

\$27 Million
Awarded
in Scholarships & Grants
for Class of 2026

 **2026 Award of Excellence in Financial Management** presented by the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO), the top rating of A for Superior Achievement in the state's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, and the Transparency Stars Award from the Texas Comptroller.

 iUniversity Prep was named **#1 in Texas and #2 in America** for Best Public Online High Schools.