



IRGregory-Portland Independent School District

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. MICHELLE CAVAZOS

FROM: CHRIS CASAREZ

CC: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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DATE: Monday, October 19, 2026

SUBJECT: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2026-27 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
PARTICIPATION AND RELATED MANAGEMENT FEES

PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 1: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

N/A

PRIORITY 2: HIGH PERFORMING AND ENGAGED WORKFORCE

N/A

PRIORITY 3: QUALITY SERVICE AND IMPACTFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

N/A

PRIORITY 4: EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS OPERATIONS

4.1 Annually Improve Operational Processes

4.2 Maintain Fiscal Viability, Stewardship, and Improve Staff Knowledge of Sustainable Budget Processes

4.3 Ensure Strategic Alignment of Resources

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The District is a member of SIXTEEN purchasing cooperatives which allows the District the ability to comply with State bidding requirements when an internal proposal does not exist for a particular commodity.

The primary role of public procurement is to obtain quality goods and services to support effective and efficient government ensuring the prudent use of public funds. By utilizing purchasing cooperatives, value is added by:

- Providing efficient delivery of products and services;
- Obtaining best value through competition;
- Offering fair and equitable competitive contracting opportunities for suppliers; and
- Maintaining public confidence through ethical and transparent procurement practices.

Cooperative purchasing is popular because it can save significant time and money in contract production as well as lower contract prices through the power of aggregation.

Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code requires that school districts disclose the amounts spent on purchasing cooperative fees on an annual basis. Specifically, it states:

Sec 44.0331 MANAGEMENT FEES UNDER CERTAIN COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

CONTRACTS. (A) A school district that enters into a purchasing contract valued at \$25,000 or more under Section 44.031(a) (5). under Subchapter F, Chapter 271 Local Government Code, or under any other cooperative purchasing program authorized for school districts by law shall document any contract-related fee, including any management fee, and the purpose of each fee under the contract. (b) The amount, purpose and disposition of any fee described by Subsection (a) must be presented in a written report and submitted annually in an open meeting of the board of trustees of the school district. The written report must appear as an agenda item. (c) The commissioner may audit the written report described by Subsection (b). The fees associated with purchasing co-operatives, including membership fees for the periods of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027, are listed below:

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the 2026-27 purchasing cooperative participation and related management fees

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

We are members of the following cooperatives where no direct fees are associated for this reporting term :

**EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER REGION 2 (GOODBUY)	**TASB BUYBOARD
**ESC 8 THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS)	**CHOICE PARTNERS (HCDE)
Education Service Center Region 19 (ASPC)	TX Smartbuy (Texas Comptroller)
ESC 4 Omnia Partners (formerly TCPN)	1 Government Purchasing Alliance (1GPA)
Education Service Center Region 20 (PACE)	**Choice Partners (HCDE) Department of Information Resources (DIR
ESC 3 Purchasing Cooperative of America (PCA)	Texas 20 Purchasing COOP (ESC 20)
Education Service Center 20 (2013 Purchasing COOP)	TxMAS (Texas Comptroller)
National COOP Purchasing Alliance (NCPA)	Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC)

An annual membership fee of \$100 is charged to participate in the:
Statewide Procurement Division (State Comptroller)- TX MAS/TX Smartbuy

BOARD RELATED POLICY:

CH (LOCAL)

CH (LEGAL)

ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

Administration recommends approval of the 2026-27 purchasing cooperative participation and related management fees paid by the District for the period of September 1, 2026 and ending on August 31, 2027.