



Gregory-Portland Independent School District

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. MICHELLE CAVAZOS

FROM: DR. ISMAEL GONZALEZ III

CC: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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DATE: Monday, February 23, 2026

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Possible Action on Approval of a Change Order for a Playground Addition and Associated Budget Increase to the Operations and Family Resource Center Project

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

3.2 Annually increase the percentage of parent/family satisfaction and engagement

3.3 Annually increase the percentage of community satisfaction and engagement

3.1 Annually increase the percentage of student satisfaction

PRIORITY 4: EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS OPERATIONS

4.3 Ensure strategic alignment of resources

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Type: Action

In relation to the Bond 2023 Operations and Family Resource Center project, district administration explored the opportunity to enhance the site by incorporating a playground within close proximity to the building. The intent of this addition is to better serve students and families who utilize the Family Resource Center for support services.

The Family Resource Center provides essential services such as the food pantry and clothing closet, and frequently serves families with young children. The addition of a playground would:

- Provide a safe, engaging space for children while families access services
- Create a welcoming, family-centered environment
- Support social-emotional well-being through play
- Increase the overall functionality and community impact of the facility
- Align with the district's commitment to serving the whole child and supporting families beyond the classroom

At the district's request, the project architect, Turner Ramirez Architects, developed a conceptual design for the playground and coordinated pricing with the construction contractor, Weaver & Jacobs Constructors, through a proposed change order.

The original contract with Weaver & Jacobs for construction of the Operations and Family Resource Center was \$23,223,000. Because this addition exceeds the originally approved project budget, Board approval is required in accordance with CV (Local).

Following a financial review of available Bond 2023 funds, it was determined that the overall project has remained slightly under budget. As a result, the district is able to absorb the cost of the playground addition within the existing Bond 2023 allocation for the Operations and Family Resource Center without impacting other approved funding sources. If additional funds are necessary, such funds shall be drawn from available Bond 2023 residual funds.

Accordingly, administration recommends that the Board approve a budget amendment and increase to the overall project and authorize the associated change order for the construction of the playground at the Operations and Family Resource Center.

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve a budget amendment to the Bond 2023 Operations and Family Resource Center project and authorize the associated change order with Weaver & Jacobs Constructors for the addition of a playground at the facility.

This addition will be funded within the existing Bond 2023 allocation for the project, as overall construction costs remain under the originally approved budget. Approval of this item will enhance the functionality of the Family Resource Center and further support students and families accessing district services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AMOUNT AND FUNDING SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE):

Budget Allocation: \$450,000

BOARD RELATED POLICY:

CH (LEGAL) (LOCAL)

CV (LEGAL) (LOCAL)

ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

That the Board make a motion to approve a budget amendment and budget increase to the Bond 2023 Operations and Family Resource Center project for a total amount of \$450,000, and authorize the associated change order with Weaver & Jacobs Constructors for the addition of a playground at the facility, with funding to be provided from within the existing Bond 2023 allocation for the project and, if necessary, from available Bond 2023 residual funds.