

**Graham Independent School District  
Board Agenda Item Synopsis**

**Subject: Consider Approval to Change the Next Fiscal Year to begin July 1, 2026**

**Background Information:**

In accordance with Texas Education Code, Section 44.0011, the Board of Trustees in a school district determines whether the fiscal year of a school district begins on July 1 or September 1 of each year. Graham ISD currently operates a September 1 - August 31 fiscal year. The Board has been provided information on this process during regularly scheduled Board Meetings. This evening the Board of Trustees will receive a presentation from our Graham ISD Financial Advisor regarding the process and the one-time cost savings associated with this fiscal year update.

**Administrative Consideration:**

Part of the process involves the District submitting the required paperwork indicating the change to the Texas Education Agency Division of Financial Compliance through a Notification of Intent to Change the Fiscal Year Start Date.

**Alignment to District Goals:**

- ☒ 1. **Academics:** All students will be prepared for success at the next level.
- ☒ 2. **Our People:** Recruit and retain highly qualified employees at all levels.
- ☒ 3. **Finance and Facilities:**  
Optimize revenues and impact student achievement by increasing attendance rates at all campuses.  
Commit to excellence in facilities that promote innovative, health, and welcoming learning environments.
- ☒ 4. **Culture:** All stakeholders will take ownership in creating a welcoming, compassionate, unified school community striving for aspirational achievements.
- ☒ 5. **Safety:** Provide a safe, healthy and secure environment for all stakeholders.
- ☒ 6. **Communications:** Support student success through clear, consistent, and inclusive communication and marketing that builds trust, reflects our diverse community, and empowers all stakeholders.

**Budgetary Impact:**

The 2025-2026 budget year will be shortened to 10 months with this transition. As a result Graham ISD will be able to benefit from one-time cost savings associated with this fiscal year update.

**Recommendation:**

Approve the District to Complete the Process to Change the Next Fiscal Year to begin July 1, 2026.

**Meeting Date:**

October 8, 2025