

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

Subject: Consider the Determination that the District does not have the Funds to Comply with SB 546

Background Information: The Graham ISD Board of Trustees will receive a report on the number of school buses within the GISD bus fleet not equipped with seat belts, the number that are equipped with two-point seat belts, and the number that are equipped with three-point seat belts as well as the cost of bringing the remainder of the fleet into compliance.

Administrative Consideration:

Senate Bill 546 requires that all school buses operated by Texas school districts be equipped with three-point seat belts for the driver and all passengers by the 2029-2030 school year. If they are not able to do so, there is to be a public report on seat belt requirements and associated costs/financial feasibility. If the board determines the district cannot meet the requirement, the district must submit the required documentation to the Texas Education Agency by May 29, 2026.

	Current	After Receiving 5 New Buses	Buses Needing Replacement	Estimated Cost Per Bus	Total Cost to Update Entire Fleet
Buses with No Seat Belts	14	9			
Buses with 2-Point Seat Belts	2	2			
Buses with 3-point Seat Belts	10	15			

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:

None.

Recommendation:

Determine that the District does not have the Funds to Comply with SB 546.

Meeting Date:

April 22, 2026