



# Gregory-Portland Independent School District

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## BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. MICHELLE CAVAZOS

FROM: DR. MICHAEL NORRIS

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

SUBJECT: SB11 Resolution: Period of Prayer and Reading of the Bible or Other Religious Text

### 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

N/A

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Type: Action

Texas Education Code section 25.0823 was added by Senate Bill 11 (SB 11) in the 89th Regular Session of

the Texas Legislature in 2025. The statute allows a school board to adopt, by record vote on a prescribed resolution, a policy requiring every campus of the district or school to provide students and employees with an opportunity to participate in a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text (“Daily Prayer Period”) on each school day in accordance with the law. A school board does not have to adopt a Daily Prayer Period, but a board does have to vote by March 1, 2026, on whether to adopt a resolution on the matter

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT AMOUNT AND FUNDING SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE):**

N/A

**BOARD RELATED POLICY:**

DGA Local and FNA Local

**ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):**

Option A: That the board shall adopt a policy requiring every campus of Gregory-Portland ISD to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as provided by Education Code 25.0823.

Option B: That the board shall not adopt a policy requiring every campus of Gregory-Portland ISD to provide a period of prayer and reading of the Bible or other religious text as provided by Education Code 25.0823.