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## Gregory-Portland Independent School District

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## Gregory-Portland ISD announced as State Finalist for H-E-B Excellence in Education School Board Award

As one among only five state finalists, the Gregory-Portland ISD School Board has been selected by the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards program for their exceptional leadership, vision, and public service. “This is the highest honor that any school board could receive,” said Board President Tim Flinn. “I am so proud of this team for the way we operate and remain unified toward what is always the most important item on any agenda: The success of each and every one of our G-P Wildcats.”

Flinn said he credits this recognition to the entire board for the work they have done to establish and implement the district’s first-ever Good Governance Handbook; increase advocacy efforts and support for public education in the state; collaborate for the great benefit of G-PISD and its community; and more. “We hold ourselves responsible as trustees, and evaluate our team all the time,” Flinn said. “The district has a Balanced Scorecard that we have adopted with priorities and goals for the district, and we have our own Board Scorecard with board goals that we are striving to meet. It’s only fair, as we see it, that we are setting a high standard for ourselves while maintaining a high standard for G-PISD. That’s how we succeed together as a board, as a Team of 8 with our Superintendent, and as a school district.”

Superintendent Dr. Michelle Cavazos applauded the board’s efforts and progress, noting that their recognition is well earned: “Through my work with them, I witness every day just how much this G-PISD School Board does in our community and throughout the state. They are committed, accomplished, and united for our students and staff – not only in word, yet also in the actions they take to excel as a governing body. Few know just how much they do, yet I can attest to the countless unpaid volunteer hours they give to be visible, engaged leaders for our district. The amazing progress realized in recent years is due to each of them, and I could not be more proud to celebrate them as they are recognized for their leadership.”

Gregory-Portland ISD Trustees recognized with this state honor include: Board President Tim Flinn; Board Vice President Carrie Gregory; Board Secretary Melissa Gonzales; and Trustees Lora DeLuna, Nicole Nolen, Mark Roach and Zach Simmons.

All seven trustees will be considered for the highest honor this Spring, and the overall state winner will be announced in May. Each of the state finalists will receive \$5,000 from H-E-B Excellence in Education, and the grand prize winner will receive up to \$25,000 for their district.

### **H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards | School Board Finalists:**

- Clear Creek ISD
- Gregory-Portland ISD
- Lamar CISD
- New Braunfels ISD
- Plano ISD

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