



Weatherford Independent School District Board Agenda Item

The mission of the Weatherford ISD is to educate, engage, and empower all students in a safe and positive learning environment to discover and reach their greatest potential.

Date

May 11, 2026

Administrator(s) Preparing Report

JP Kechnie, Executive Director of Maintenance

Subject

Consider Purchase of Backhoe Using TERP Grant Funds

Background Information

Weatherford ISD has been approved to participate in the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Rebate Grants Program. This program provides funding to upgrade or replace on-road heavy-duty diesel vehicles and select non-road equipment in designated areas of Texas to improve air quality and reduce emissions.

Through this grant, the district is eligible to receive up to 80% of the total project cost, not to exceed \$96,000, for qualifying equipment. Weatherford ISD will be responsible for the remaining 20% of the purchase cost, which will be funded through the district's maintenance budget.

The proposed purchase includes a front loader backhoe, which will support district maintenance operations and improve efficiency in grounds and facility work.

Strategic Plan Information

- Relates to Strategic Goal #1 – Focus on Student Success
- Relates to Strategic Goal #2 – Focus on Students, Parents, and Communities
- Relates to Strategic Goal #3 – Focus on Operational Excellence
- Relates to Strategic Goal #4 – Focus on Employees and Organizational Development
- Relates to Strategic Goal #5 – Focus on Stewardship

Administrative Recommendation

Administration recommends approval of the purchase of a backhoe, with 80% of the cost funded through grant funds and the remaining 20% funded through Weatherford ISD's financial commitment.