Prairie Lea Independent School District
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Notice of Prairie Lea Independent School District Special School Board of Trustees Meeting of the Prairie Lea Independent School District Board of Trustees

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, August 27, 2026, the Board of Trustees of the Prairie Lea School District will hold a Prairie Lea Independent School District Special School Board of Trustees Meeting at 6:30 PM in the Jr/HS Cafeteria , 6910 San Marcos Hwy, Prairie Lea, TX 78661. The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda below and make a part of this notice, an original copy will be posted at the District's Administration Building, District Website and at the school building entry ways by on or before .

Martha Gilmore
Superintendent of Schools

Prairie Lea ISD Board of Trustees
Prairie Lea Independent School District Special School Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, August 27, 2026
6:30 PM

Agenda

1. Opening Ceremonies
   A. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum
   B. Pledge of Allegiance (If Assigned)
   C. Open Forum
2. Information Items:
   Financial & Academic Accountability Press Release 8/20/26

   Martha Gilmore
3. Consent Items
   A. Approve Minutes of Previous Board Meeting(s).
   B. Consider and Possible Action to renew Walsh Gallegos Legal Contract for School Year 2026-2027.
   Martha Gilmore

4. Action Items
   A. Consider and Possible Action Regarding Approval of 2026-2027 Budget.
      Eric Tober
   B. Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Adoption of Tax Rate 2026-2027.
      Eric Tober
   C. ***Take action to adopt written findings as to the delinquent tax collections contract and approve a contingent fee contract with Perdue Brandon Law Firm pursuant to Sec. 6.30 of the Tax Code, said contract being for the collection of taxes owed to Prairie Lea ISD and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Sec. 2254 of the Govt Code. Finally, take action to provide notice to the Caldwell CAD of the change of law firms for the District.***
      Martha Gilmore & Eric Tober
   D. Consider and take possible action to approve Prairie Lea ISD's membership in the Texas SmartBuy Membership Program at an annual membership cost of $100, and authorize the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to oversee and administer the District's participation in the program.
      Eric Tober
   E. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Athletic Training Services with Texas Elite Athletic Training Service for the 2026–2027 School Year.

      AD Nathan Jimenez & Martha Gilmore
   F. Discuss and Consider Approval of the Pre-Kindergarten Pass-Through Waiver for the 2026–2027 School Year.

      Martha Gilmore
5. Executive Session-as authorized by Texas Gov't Code Section 551.001 et se
   A. 551.074 – Personnel Employment and Contract(s)
   B. 551.72 Discussing purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.
   C. 551.76 Considering the deployment,specific occasions for,or implementations of, security personnel or devices.
6. Return to Open Session
   A. Approve / Discuss Executive Session Discussion Items
   B. Adjournment

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Agenda, the Board of Trustees should determine that a discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in **a Closed or Executive Meeting, the Board will conduct a Closed Meeting** in **accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't. Code, Chapter 551.001 et seq. that will be convened by the School Board at the date, hour, and place given** in **this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice. Before any Closed Meeting is convened, the presiding**

officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the Closed Meeting, including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

551.71 **Private consultation with the board's attorney.**
551.72 **Discussing purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.**
551.73 **Discussing negotiated contracts for prospective gifts or donations.**
551.74 **Discussing personnel or to hear complaints against personnel.**
551.75 Conference Relating to Investments and Potential Investments Attended **by Board** of Trustees of Texas Growth Fund

551.76 Considering the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementations of, security personnel or devices.
551.82 Considering discipline of a public school child, or complaint or charge against personnel.
551.83 Considering the standards, guideline, terms or conditions the board will follow, or will instruct its representatives to follow, in consultation with representatives of employee groups.
551.84 Excluding witnesses from a hearing

All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in Open Meeting.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 20, 2026

Prairie Lea ISD Provides Community Update on Financial and Academic Accountability

Prairie Lea, Texas — Prairie Lea ISD is providing the following update to parents, staff, students, and community members regarding the District's recently released state accountability information and ongoing improvement efforts.

Financial Accountability Shows Improvement

Prairie Lea ISD has made meaningful progress in financial accountability. The District's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) rating improved from an F to a C, with a score of 78.

The improvement represents an important step forward in strengthening financial practices and responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources. The District recognizes that continued improvement is necessary and remains committed to sound financial management, transparency, and accountability.

Academic Accountability Appeal Pending

Prairie Lea ISD currently has a pending appeal regarding the recently released academic accountability results.

As part of the appeal process, the District is reviewing the underlying data and reporting information associated with the reported results. The District is following the established Texas Education Agency (TEA) and Commissioner of Education appeal process.

Because the appeal remains pending, the District will refrain from drawing conclusions regarding the reported results until the review process is completed.

Prairie Lea ISD remains committed to providing appropriate updates to the Board of Trustees, staff, parents, students, and community as additional information becomes available.

District Improvement Efforts Moving Forward

Regardless of the outcome of the appeal, Prairie Lea ISD's responsibility remains clear: to improve outcomes for every student.

This school year, the District is placing a strong emphasis on personalized learning and targeted student support. This approach is intended to help educators identify individual student needs and provide appropriate instruction, intervention, enrichment, and support to promote continued academic growth.

State assessments are an important measure of student performance; however, they are one component of a student's overall educational experience and growth. Prairie Lea ISD is working to provide a well-rounded educational experience that supports academic achievement, college and career readiness, extracurricular opportunities, character development, and the individual needs of each student.

Board Transparency and Community Engagement

Beginning with the District's next Regular Board Meeting, currently scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2026, the District and campus improvement plans will be presented to the Board of Trustees.

Student academic progress will remain an ongoing focus of Board discussions. These discussions will provide the Board and community with opportunities to review the District's goals, strategies, student progress, and areas for continued improvement.

Prairie Lea ISD remains committed to transparency, data-informed decision-making, responsible stewardship of public resources, and continuous improvement.

"Our responsibility is to focus on what we can control — supporting our students, strengthening our systems, and making sure every student has the opportunity to grow and succeed," said Martha Gilmore, Superintendent of Prairie Lea ISD. "We will continue to work collaboratively with our Board, staff, families, and community while we move through the accountability appeal process and implement strategies designed to support student growth."

About Prairie Lea ISD

Prairie Lea ISD is committed to providing students with a well-rounded educational experience while partnering with families and the community to promote student growth, achievement, and success.

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Martha Gilmore, Superintendent

NOTICE PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SEC. 2254.1036

WHEREAS, the Prairie Lea Independent School District ("District"), will consider entering into a contingent fee contract with the law firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott, L.L.P. ("Firm") and hereby posts this notice pursuant to Sec. 2254.106 of the Government Code.

WHEREAS, this notice shall be posted before or at the time of giving the written notice required by Government Code Sec. 551.041 for a meeting described by Sec. 2254.1036(2) of the Government Code and shall announce the following:

A. The District is pursuing a contract with the Firm for the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes owed to the District and through this contract the District seeks to increase recovery of its delinquent debts in as expeditious a manner as possible. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(A).

B. The District believes the Firm has the competency, qualifications, and experience necessary to fulfill this contract. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(B). The Firm has collected delinquent government receivables for 50 years, including the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes. The Firm currently has 15 primary offices and multiple satellite offices throughout Texas, Oklahoma and Florida. It employs more than 400 individuals, including over 60 attorneys. It uses a multi-office, fully integrated team approach allowing the District access to all its offices and resources. Its collection team consists of long-term Firm employees, including attorneys, call center associates, paralegals, law clerks, legal secretaries, collection support personnel and information technology experts. The Firm utilizes proprietary collection software that can be tailored to meet any special need the District may have. This proprietary software also automates many aspects of the collection process, such as: account/debtor research, mailings and phone calls, return mail and address updates, payment notification and processing and workflow.

C. The nature of any relationship between the District and the Firm is as follows. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(C). The Firm does not represent the District in any other matters.

D. The District is unable to perform collection of its delinquent ad valorem taxes. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(D). The District currently does not have adequate support staff, computer software/programming, or experience to internally conduct these collection services and acquiring these will result in substantial expense to the District.

E. These collection services cannot be provided for an hourly fee. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(E). The Tax Code allows the assessment of a percentage-based fee to recover the costs of collecting delinquent ad valorem taxes. This percentage-based fee is assessed only against the debtor and not the District or taxpayers of the District. The collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes is a high-volume practice, requiring a significant amount of research, mailing, and handling of outbound/inbound calls. An hourly fee for such work will likely exceed amount of delinquent ad valorem taxes due. Moreover, the District will bear the cost of these hourly fees, and not the debtor, because the Tax Code does not expressly authorize the District to pay for collection services based on an hourly fee.

F. The District believes this contingent fee contract is in its best interest. GOVT. CODE § 2254.1036(1)(F). Under the contingent fee contract, the Firm will be paid the amount of the percentage-based collection fee, regardless of the number of hours the Firm spends researching, contacting and mailing to collect the delinquent debt. Additionally, the percentage-based collection penalty is a pass-through expense to the debtor and not an expense to the District or taxpayers in the District.

By Martha Gilmore

Martha Gilmore, Superintendent of Schools