



Agenda of Regular Meeting SCHOOL BOARD LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the School Board of **LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** will be held on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM**, in the Staff Development Center Board Room at Nellie Schunior Administration Building, 200 W. Expwy 83, La Joya, TX 78560. A quorum of the Board and the presiding officer will be present at this location. Any Board members participating by videoconference will be in accordance with Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code.

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - (Other)

2. ROLL CALL & DECLARE QUORUM - (Other)

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, *Julian Alvarez III, School Board President - (Other)*

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - (*Synergy and Teamwork or Other*)

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE(S)/ANNOUNCEMENTS - (*Vision and Goals*)

5.1. Budget Priorities 3 and 4, *presented by Ms. Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services*

5.2. Summer Programs Overview, *presented by Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership, and Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance*

6. LONE STAR GOVERNANCE - (*Progress and Accountability*)

6.1. Enrollment and Transfers Update, *presented by Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership*

6.2. CPM 1: Student Achievement Conditions; 1.1 Strategic Academic Interventions; 1.2 North Star Goal, *presented by Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership*

6.3. Lone Star Governance Time Use Tracker Report - March 25, 2026, *presented by Ms. Mari Elizondo, School Board Administrative Assistant*

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S) - (*Systems and Processes*)

To promote efficient meetings, the Board may act on more than one item by a single vote through the use of a consent agenda. The consent agenda shall be comprised of items specified in this Section for which the Superintendent anticipates no board deliberation prior to action being taken on the item and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. At the request

of any member of the School Board, any item on the consent agenda shall be removed from the consent agenda and given individual deliberation and action. Requests for the removal of an item from the consent agenda are to be made to the presiding officer at the time that the consent agenda is up for consideration.

7.1. Academics & School Leadership:

- 7.1.1. Approval of Revision to Student Transfer Policy FDB (Local)
- 7.1.2. Approval of MacBook Air Laptops through Choice Partners
- 7.1.3. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Angels of Love
- 7.1.4. Approval of Additional Services through Staffing Contract for Special Education Department CSP# 2026-27

7.2. Approval of Minutes:

- 7.2.1. Regular Meeting March 25, 2026

7.3. Business, Finance & Administrative Services:

- 7.3.1. Approval of Ratification and Budget Increase of the Independent Auditor Services RFQ #2024-59 Renewal
- 7.3.2. Approval of February 2026 Tax Collector's Report

7.4. Human Capital & Talent Development:

- 7.4.1. Approval of Contract for JG Consulting for Professional Services

7.5. Lone Star Governance:

- 7.5.1. Approval of Report on CPM 1: Student Achievement Conditions; 1.1 Strategic Academic Interventions; 1.2 North Star Goal
- 7.5.2. Approval of the Lone Star Governance Time Use Tracker Report - March 25, 2026

7.6. Operations & Infrastructure:

- 7.6.1. Approval of Ratification of Change Order No. 1 and Budget Increase for the La Joya ISD - Sports Complex Softball Field Synthetic Turf Surfacing Project
- 7.6.2. Approval of Purchase for AXIS View Station Answering Units through Purchasing Cooperatives

8. CLOSED SESSION - (*Synergy and Teamwork*)

Closed Meeting will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.001, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.129, and 551.0821 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the sections and purposes listed below.

- 8.1. Consultation with the Board's Attorney. (Texas Government Code 551.071: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters

authorized by law; and Texas Government Code 551.129: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney by telephone conference call.)

8.2. Discuss Personnel Matters and Board and Superintendent Duties. (Texas Government Code 551.074: For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee, including Board Operating Procedures and Self-Assessment.)

8.3. Discuss Property Matters. (Texas Government Code 551.072: For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.)

8.4. Discussion of Intruder Detection Audit Findings. (Texas Government Code 551.076: To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.)

8.5. Personally Identifiable Information About Public School Students. (Texas Government Code 551.0821: For the purpose of deliberating a matter regarding a public-school student, if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed.)

9. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - *(Systems and Processes)*

10. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEM(S) - *(Systems and Processes)*

10.1. Hearing to Consider Recommendation of Independent Hearing Examiner Regarding Proposed Termination of Pedro Zurita Pursuant to Board Policy DFD. (The Board may go into closed session to deliberate and discuss this matter with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.), *Item Lead: Ms. Jaime Miller, Chief of Human Capital & Talent Development*

11. CALENDAR - *(Other)*

11.1. April 2026: Autism Month, School Library Month, National Poetry Month, and Annual Elementary Field Day Month

11.2. April 15, 2026: Purple Up Day for Military Kids

11.3. April 15, 2026: District Safety & Security Committee Meeting

11.4. April 20-24, 2026: Public School Volunteer Week


11.5. April 21, 2026: Title III Parent and Community Engagement

11.6. April 22, 2026: Administrative Professionals Day

11.7. April 22, 2026: Regular Board Meeting

12. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS - *(Other)*

13. ADJOURNMENT - *(Synergy and Teamwork)*

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Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

Posted: April 2, 2026

By: Mari Elizondo @ 10:45 a.m.



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Revision to Student Transfer Policy FDB (Local)

BACKGROUND:

The District is proposing revisions to the current student transfer policy to better align with updated enrollment practices, campuses capacity considerations, and district priorities. These proposed changes are intended to provide greater clarity, strengthen consistency in the review and approval process, and promote equitable access for all students.

RATIONALE:

The purpose of the revision to the Student Transfer Policy is to streamline the transfer process and provide greater consistency for families and campuses. Under the revised policy, approved transfers will remain in effect without requiring an annual review. This change reduces administrative burden for both families and school staff, while still allowing the District to effectively monitor enrollment patterns and manage campus capacity needs.

BUDGET:

<i>Cost</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Vendor</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Purchasing Mechanism</i>		<i>Additional Documentation</i>
N/A		FDB (Local) Policy

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends Approval for Revision to Student Transfer Policy FDB (Local)

Initiated by: Anna Marie Candelario
Ms. Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief for Academic Advancement and School Performance

Reviewed by: Anna Marie Candelario
Ms. Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief for Academic Advancement and School Performance

BF&AS Reviewed by: _____

Executive Cabinet Review by: Dr. Derek Little
Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics and School Leadership

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:

M. Sorensen

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

ADMISSIONS
INTRADISTRICT TRANSFERS AND CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

FDB
(LOCAL)

Attendance Areas	A student shall be assigned to a school in the attendance area in which he or she resides.
Class Changes	The campus principal shall be authorized to investigate and approve a transfer of a student from one classroom to another on that campus.
Transfers Between Schools	The Superintendent shall be authorized to investigate and approve transfers between schools as set forth in this policy.
Transfers to Relieve Overcrowding	A transfer may be considered in order to balance student load to relieve crowding in a particular school. Such a transfer shall be recommended by the Superintendent or designee.
Three-Year Transfer	<p>A student who has attended a high school for three years and, as a result of an attendance zone change, is assigned to another high school, may choose to remain in the school in which the student is currently enrolled until graduation.</p> <p>A student granted an intradistrict transfer shall advance within the feeder pattern and shall be required to request a transfer each year. Except when extenuating circumstances warrant, only one intradistrict transfer per student shall be approved per school year. The transfer request shall be approved or rejected based on availability of space at the requested campus or grade level.</p> <p>Nothing in this section shall be construed to determine the student's eligibility to participate in UIL activities as a result of a three-year transfer.</p>
Hardship Transfers	<p>The Superintendent or designee may authorize an intradistrict transfer in cases of extreme hardship caused by a student's campus assignment. An extreme hardship may exist where the denial of a transfer would adversely affect the student's safety or mental, physical, or emotional wellbeing, provided there are no reasonable alternatives to adequately address the concern at the student's zoned campus. The District may require documentation to support a hardship transfer.</p> <p>Extreme hardship does not include ordinary inconveniences, disputes with school personnel or other students/parents except as set forth in FDB(LEGAL), campus preference, or similar concerns. As with all other transfer requests, an extreme hardship transfer must be requested and approved annually.</p>
Curriculum Transfers	A curriculum transfer may be allowed if a course is not offered at the school in the student's attendance area. Assignment shall be made on the basis of space availability and eligibility criteria for a particular course or program.

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Employees' Children	<p>A child of a District employee shall be assigned to the campus where the employee works, or, if the student is not in the grade levels served at the employee's campus or if the employee does not work on a campus, the student shall be assigned to the closest campus to the employee's work location. For employees who work at a high school campus, other than an alternative campus, the student shall be assigned to the closest campus to the employee's campus that will feed into the employee's high school when the student reaches grade 9.</p> <p>For employees who work at an alternative or specialty campus, the student shall be assigned to the closest traditional campus to the employee's campus. Employees' children may apply for enrollment at a non-disciplinary alternative campus but shall not receive priority over other students.</p>
Specialty Program Transfers	Transfers to specialty campuses shall be considered through an application process as set forth in the student handbook.
Duration of Transfer	Approval of a transfer request shall be for the current school year only, subject to revocation as set forth below. A new written request shall be required to be submitted by the parent or guardian for each succeeding year
Recommendation	<p>Approval of a transfer request shall be for the duration of the student's continuous enrollment at the campus for which the student is originally approved, subject to revocation as set forth below. A student who seeks or is required to change campuses for any reason (including grade promotion) must apply for transfer eligibility at the receiving campus. A transfer student who withdraws from the District at any time and for any reason must reapply for transfer status if the student later seeks to re-enroll in the District.</p>
Principal's Responsibility	<p>The principal shall ensure that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The school's records of student addresses are reviewed periodically.2. A student found to be attending a school in violation of District transfer and attendance area policies shall be removed and placed in the appropriate school.3. A case involving questions related to the bona fide residence of a student shall be referred to the District's attendance officer.
Transfer Window	A student who wishes to attend a school outside his or her attendance area must submit a transfer request to the Superintendent or

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designee during the months designated by the District. Late transfer requests shall not be considered except as required by law.

Transportation

Except as required by law or in the case of an overcrowding transfer as set forth in this policy, the District shall not provide transportation for an intradistrict transfer student; continued attendance shall be conditioned on adherence to the school's starting and ending times. Failure to follow this requirement may result in a revocation of the transfer.

UIL Eligibility

A student granted a transfer shall be subject to UIL eligibility rules for participation in UIL activities. The student and parent or guardian shall be responsible for determining the effect of the transfer on the student's UIL eligibility.

Recruitment

No principal, teacher, coach, or any other employee of the District shall directly or indirectly seek to influence any parent, student, or other person involved in the exercise of the student's application for transfer, nor favor or penalize any person because an application for transfer is or is not made.

Revocation of Transfer

The District may revoke the intradistrict transfer of a student who fails to follow all rules and regulations of the District, including those for student conduct, attendance, and academics.

A student who obtained an approved transfer by providing false information or omitting information on the transfer application shall have the transfer revoked.

Appeals

Any appeals shall be made in accordance with FNG(LOCAL).

Servicemembers' Children

For information regarding intradistrict transfers upon the request of a parent or person standing in parental relation who is a peace officer or servicemember, see FDA(LEGAL).

Void Application

If the Superintendent or designee determines a transfer application included false information or intentionally omitted any information, the application shall be deemed null and void, and the student's intradistrict transfer shall be revoked. In these circumstances, the application shall be treated the same as if it had been rejected.

A student or parent/guardian who provided false information or intentionally omitted information on the transfer application may not re-apply for an intradistrict transfer until the school year after the year in which the falsification or omission is discovered by the District. The District may consider any previous falsification or omission of information on a transfer application as a basis for denying the application.

Note: For the transfer of a student who is the victim of bullying or who engaged in bullying, see FDB(LEGAL). For the transfer of a student who attends a persistently dangerous school, becomes a victim of a violent criminal offense, or becomes a victim of sexual assault, see FDE.



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

District Priority: Priority 1 - Excellence in Leadership

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of MacBook Air Laptops through Choice Partners

BACKGROUND:

The Department of School Counseling is requesting the purchase of Apple MacBook Air laptops for district school counselors and social workers. These staff members provide direct student support across campuses and require mobile devices to access student information, documentation tools, and district platforms such as Google Workspace and Microsoft OneDrive while working in classrooms, counseling offices, crisis response situations, and meetings.

RATIONALE:

School counselors and social workers require reliable and mobile technology to effectively serve students and families. Providing laptops will allow staff to: Access student information and documentation during meetings and crisis response. Collaborate with teachers, administrators, and support d teams in real time Document interventions, counseling sessions, and support plans efficiently Utilize district cloud-based platforms without interruption This request supports operational efficiency and strengthens the district's ability to deliver timely student support services.

BUDGET:

Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
\$113,730.00	289-31-63 97-00-880-6-99-TIV	Apple, Inc.
Purchasing Mechanism		Additional Documentation
Choice Partners #23/036SG-01		Quotation Documentation

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of MacBook Air Laptops through Choice Partners.

Initiated by: Gabriela Velasquez
Gabriela Velasquez, Director of School Counseling

Reviewed by: Anna Marie Candelario
Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance

BF&AS Reviewed by: Mirgitt Crespo
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Adm. Services

Executive Cabinet Review by: Dr. Derek Little
Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools



Proposal

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	Specifications			
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2	SLTF2LL/A	85	159.00	13,515.00 USD
			Subtotal	113,730.00 USD
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La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Angels of Love

BACKGROUND:

La Joya ISD seeks to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Angels of Love (AOL) to provide structured, evidence-informed youth development programs for students. The partnership will implement three programs: Girl Power Program (Grades 3–5), Distinguished Gentlemen Initiative (DGI) (Grades 3-5), and Expect Respect Program (Grades 6–12). The programs are designed to strengthen leadership skills, self-confidence, and healthy relationship behaviors. AOL will provide trained facilitators, curriculum, materials, and program implementation, including a culminating recognition ceremony.

RATIONALE:

This partnership directly supports the district’s commitment to developing the whole child by enhancing wellbeing, student engagement, and leadership development. The programs align with: District priorities for student well-being and engagement.

BUDGET:

Cost: N/A	Funding Source N/A	Vendor N/A
Purchasing Mechanism N/A		Additional Documentation Angels of Love (AOL)

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of the MOU between La Joya ISD and Angels of Love

Initiated by: Gabriela Velasquez
Gabriela Velasquez, Director of School Counseling

Reviewed by: Melinda Flores
Melinda Flores, ED College and Career Success

Reviewed by: Anna Marie Candelario
Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief Academic Advancement & School Performance

Executive Cabinet Review by: Dr. Derek Little
Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics and School Leadership

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

**Between
Angels of Love (AOL)
and
La Joya Independent School District (La Joya ISD)**

I. PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a collaborative partnership between **Angels of Love (AOL)** and **La Joya Independent School District (La Joya ISD)** to provide structured, evidence-informed youth development programs aimed at strengthening social-emotional skills, confidence, leadership, and healthy relationship behaviors among students. The programs included under this agreement are:

- **Girl Power Program** – for girls in grades 3rd–5th
- **Distinguished Gentlemen Initiative (DGI)** – for boys in grades 3rd–5th
- **Expect Respect** - For teens in 6th grade - 12th grade

II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Angels of Love will deliver:

Girl Power or Distinguished Gentlemen

- A 6-session 60 minutes structured curriculum
- Sessions conducted on campus
- Each session designed to be interactive, age-appropriate, and skill-based
- The 6th session will serve as the End-of-Program Ceremony

Program Focus Areas Include:

- Self-esteem and self-worth
- Healthy relationships and boundaries
- Communication and emotional expression
- Leadership and decision-making
- Respect, accountability, and personal responsibility

Expect Respect Program is a 45-60 minutes one time presentation (no student limit)

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ANGELS OF LOVE (AOL)

Angels of Love agrees to:

1. Provide trained facilitators to deliver all program sessions.
2. Deliver the full 6-session curriculum for both programs.
3. Provide all instructional materials and structured activities.
4. Coordinate and facilitate the End-of-Program Ceremony.
5. Provide the following for participants:
 - **Girl Power Program:**
 - One (1) rose per participant
 - Certificate of completion
 - **Distinguished Gentlemen Initiative:**

- One (1) tie per participant
 - Certificate of completion
6. Ensure programming is conducted in a safe, respectful, and trauma-informed manner aligned with the mission of Angels of Love.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF LA JOYA ISD

La Joya ISD agrees to:

1. Identify and select up to twenty (20) students per program (Girl Power and Distinguished Gentlemen) for participation.
2. Obtain and maintain parent/guardian permission slips for all participating students.
3. Provide appropriate space on campus for program delivery (classroom or designated area with necessary equipment).
4. Coordinate scheduling with Angels of Love to ensure successful program implementation.
5. Provide the following for ceremony readiness:
 - **Girl Power Program:**
 - Purchase crowns and sashes for each participant for the coronation ceremony
 - **Distinguished Gentlemen Initiative:**
 - Purchase sport coats for each participant for the ceremony
 - (If unavailable, Angels of Love may provide limited coats for temporary use)
6. Support student attendance and engagement throughout all six sessions.
7. Assist with coordination of the End-of-Program Ceremony, including logistics and student participation.

V. PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Total Sessions: 6 sessions
- Session Duration: Determined collaboratively
- Final Session: Ceremonial Recognition Event
 - Girl Power: Coronation Ceremony
 - Distinguished Gentlemen: Sports Coat Ceremony

VI. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This MOU shall begin on March 24, 2026 and remain in effect until May 30, 2027, unless terminated earlier by either party with written notice.

VII. CONFIDENTIALITY & STUDENT PROTECTION

Both parties agree to:

- Maintain confidentiality of student information in accordance with applicable laws
- Ensure all programming is conducted in a manner that prioritizes student safety and well-being
- Avoid disclosure of sensitive student information without proper authorization

VIII. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Both parties agree to comply with all applicable federal and state non-discrimination laws and ensure equal access to services regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, disability, or socioeconomic status.

IX. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this agreement with written notice if:

- Program expectations are not met
- Safety or compliance concerns arise
- Operational barriers prevent implementation

X. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This MOU represents the full understanding between both parties and may be modified only in writing with mutual agreement.

XI. SIGNATURES

By signing below, both parties agree to the terms outlined in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Angels of Love

Name: Veronica Perez

Title: Executive Director

Signature: Veronica Perez

Date: 3/24/26

La Joya Independent School District

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Additional Services through Staffing Contract for Special Education Department CSP# 2026-27

BACKGROUND:

La Joya ISD continues to prioritize student mental health and access to comprehensive support services. To strengthen service delivery, the district has partnered with Presence Learning, Inc. to provide virtual behavioral and mental health counseling services. These services include individual and group counseling, evaluations, and support for students with diverse needs through a HIPAA and FERPA-compliant teletherapy platform. The service model provides 123 hours per week of counseling support over a 15-week period, ensuring increased access to licensed clinicians, including bilingual providers, to meet the needs of our student population.

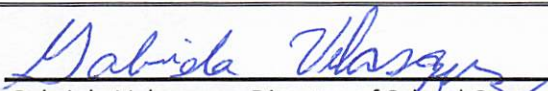
RATIONALE:


Approval of this agreement ensures continuity and expansion of mental health services for students across the district. This initiative directly supports improved student well-being, increased access to specialized services, and compliance with federal and state requirements related to student support services. In my professional assessment, this is a high-impact investment. The scalability of teletherapy, combined with the shortage of in-person clinicians, makes this not just beneficial but necessary to sustain equitable student support services.

BUDGET:

<i>Cost:</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Vendor</i>
\$160,990.00	289-31-6299-36-880-38-TIV	Presence Learning, Inc. New York, NY
<i>Purchasing Mechanism</i>		<i>Additional Documentation</i>
CSP # 2026-27		Presence Learning Service Order #29374

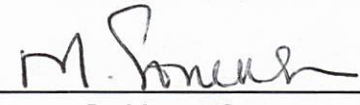
RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval of Presence Learning, Inc.

Initiated by: 
Gabriela Velasquez, Director of School Counseling

Reviewed by: 
Melinda Flores, ED College and Career Success

BF&AS Reviewed by: 
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Adm. Services

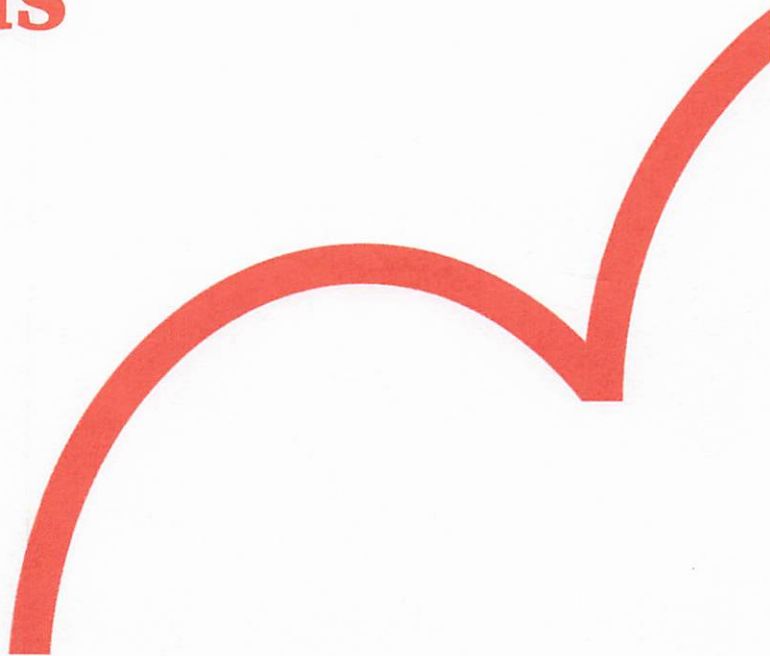
Executive Cabinet Review by: 
Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics and School Leadership

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools



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From special education services to mental health counseling, we bring customized solutions to your district

We offer a full range of remote services (from observations and assessments to counseling and therapy) that help meet your district's speech-language, occupational, psychoeducational and mental health service needs.

Our clinical network brings a complete scope of practice to support schools with services that include:

- Student screening, observation, identification, and evaluation
- Development and management of Response to Intervention (RTI) programs
- Case management and contribution to writing and updating of IEPs and 504 plans
- Full evaluations or re-evaluations utilizing standardized assessment tools
- Leading, attending, and/or contributing to meetings
- Individual or group therapy services
- Virtual classroom push-in services
- Completing paperwork for IEPs, review of records and Medicaid billing

Solutions customized to meet student needs— backed by school-based experience and innovative technology

Services that help fill assessment and therapy gaps

- Evaluations are delivered remotely using the largest library of digital assessments from trusted publishers like Pearson®, Riverside Insights®, and Pro-Ed®*
- Customized teletherapy plans are based on your district's diverse student and staffing needs

Clinically-led teams, trusted by 10,000+ schools

- Our national network of 2,000+ licensed speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, school psychologists, and mental health clinicians brings services that support unique needs—including bilingual, deaf, and hard-of-hearing specializations
- Every district and clinician is backed by a dedicated clinical support team with years of experience implementing teletherapy solutions and navigating PreK-12 school systems

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Give your district team tools to conduct their own therapy sessions with Kanga. Built-in tools reduce the time and stress of scheduling, caseload management, data organization, and session planning. Students and clinicians can engage in a collaborative, virtual space with access to thousands of curated articles, games, and digital assessments.



Service Order

PRESENTED TO

Anna Marie Candelario

Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement and School Performance

La Joya Independent School District

ISSUE DATE

3/11/2026

BY

Travis Goodwin

School Partnership Director - Texas

travis.goodwin@presence.com

Service Order # Q-29374



Service Order Summary

This Service Order (the "Service Order") is incorporated and made part of the Master Services Agreement (the "MSA") between PresenceLearning, Inc. ("Presence") and La Joya Independent School District. Capitalized terms not defined in this Service Order shall have the meanings set forth in the MSA. In the event of a conflict between this Service Order and the MSA, unless specifically referenced herein, the MSA shall govern.

SERVICE ORDER TERM

7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026

	ANNUAL EST
Weekly Dedicated Services	\$149,790.00
Weekly Hours: 123	
Weekly Subtotal: \$9,986	
Weeks of Service: 15	
Dedicated Services Period: 3/23/2026-7/31/2026	
Program Readiness*	\$7,500.00
Program Management**	\$3,700.00
Total Estimated Cost	ANNUAL \$160,990.00

* Program Readiness is billed once upon the Service Order Execution Date.

** Program Management is billed monthly beginning in the first month in which Services are rendered.



Service Order Details

SERVICE ORDER TERM

7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026

Dedicated Services Summary

Clinical Services	Rate	Hours	Total
Behavioral and mental health counseling	\$78.00	74.00	\$5,772.00
Behavioral and mental health counseling Bilingual	\$86.00	49.00	\$4,214.00
Weekly total of Clinical Services		123.00	\$9,986.00
	Weeks		15.00

Estimated Dedicated Services Costs (annual)

\$149,790.00

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Service Order Details

SERVICE ORDER TERM

7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026

Flexible hourly rates with Dedicated Services

Services provided in addition to, or in excess of, any Weekly Dedicated Hours shall be invoiced at the applicable hourly rate(s) set forth in this Service Order.

Clinical Services	Per hour
Behavioral and mental health counseling	\$86.00
Behavioral and mental health counseling Bilingual	\$95.00

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Rate Card

Speech-language therapy

Clinical Services	Dedicated Hourly Rate	Flexible Hourly Rate
Speech-language therapy	\$79.00	\$87.00
Supervision	\$79.00	\$110.00
Short-term Leave	\$108.00	\$119.00
Bilingual	\$87.00	\$96.00

Occupational therapy

Clinical Services	Dedicated Hourly Rate	Flexible Hourly Rate
Occupational therapy	\$79.00	\$87.00
Supervision	\$97.00	\$107.00
Short-term Leave	\$105.00	\$115.50
Bilingual	\$87.00	\$96.00

Behavioral and mental health counseling

Clinical Services	Dedicated Hourly Rate	Flexible Hourly Rate
Behavioral and mental health counseling	\$78.00	\$86.00
Bilingual	\$86.00	\$95.00
Short-term Leave	\$86.00	\$115.50

Service Order Signature Page

Except as expressly set forth in this Service Order, the parties agree to be bound by the terms of the MSA.

The parties have executed this Service Order as of the date of the latter signature ("Service Order Effective Date").

PRESENCELEARNING, INC:	CUSTOMER:
<p>DocuSigned by: <i>Fletcher Hutson</i> By: A9625E5023E249B... Name: Fletcher Hutson Title: Chief Revenue Officer Date: 2026-03-27</p>	<p>By: La Joya ISD Name: Dr. Marcey Sorensen Title: Superintendent, La Joya ISD Date:</p>



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

District Priority: Priority 4 - Community, Trust, Unity, and Partnership

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting March 25, 2026

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the meeting minutes is to provide a legally binding official record that demonstrates the school district’s compliance with the association’s bylaws and established procedures.

RATIONALE:

Approval is needed for the following: Regular Meeting March 25, 2026

BUDGET:

Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		Additional Documentation
N/A		March 25, 2026 Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting March 25, 2026

Initiated by: Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

Reviewed by: _____

BF&AS Reviewed by: _____

Executive Cabinet Review by: ms
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools



**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF 2024-2025 TEXAS
ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE REPORT (TAPR) AND
REGULAR MEETING
SCHOOL BOARD
LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A Public Hearing of 2024-2025 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) and Regular Meeting of the School Board of **LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** was held on **Wednesday, March 25, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM**, in the Staff Development Center Board Room at Nellie Schunior Administration Building, 200 W. Expwy 83, La Joya, TX 78560. A quorum of the Board and the presiding officer were present at this location. Any Board members participating by videoconference will be in accordance with Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code.

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - (Other)

Julian Alvarez III, President, School Board, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL & DECLARE QUORUM - (Other)

Present: Jessica Ochoa, Dr. Carlos Margo, Alyssa Peña, Julian Alvarez III, Celso Gomez Jr., Dr. Rosalva Hernandez, and Valeria Vega

Julian Alvarez III, President, School Board, declared a quorum

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, *Julian Alvarez III, School Board President - (Other)*

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - (Synergy and Teamwork or Other)

Mr. Jose Peña Recognized the Juarez-Lincoln High School Huskies and Palmview High School Lobo Soccer teams are moving forward to the playoffs.

5. PUBLIC HEARING - (Synergy and Teamwork or Other)

Julian Alvarez III, President, School Board, called the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

5.1. Public Hearing of 2024-2025 Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), *presented by Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership*

6. PUBLIC INPUT - (Synergy and Teamwork or Other)

6.1. Questions & Answers - NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Julian Alvarez III, President, School Board, closed the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m. and opened the Regular Board meeting at 6:16 p.m.

7. STAFF RECOGNITION(S) - (*Vision and Goals*)

- 7.1. Recognition of Campus Leadership Program, Holdsworth Center - *Ciro Gonzalez, presented by Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership*
- 7.2. Recognition of Staff Members of the TEA 2025-2026 Educator Committee, *presented by Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership. Schools recognized were Mendiola Elem., Fordyce Elem., J. D. Salinas M.S., De Zavala M.S., Gonzalez Elem., La Joya H.S., and (Not present Palmview H.S.)*
- 7.3. Recognition of La Joya I.S.D.'s Purchasing Department Staff for National Procurement Month, *presented by Ms. Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services*
- 7.2 Ms. Hernandez, from Palmview H. S., was recognized after the item recognition as she came in late, *presented by Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership*
- 7.4. National Social Workers Month, *presented by Ms. Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement and School Performance*
- 7.5. Recognition of Educational Diagnosticians' Week, *presented by Ms. Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement, and School Performance*
- 7.6. Recognition of National Athletic Trainers Day - March 1, 2026, *presented by Mr. Jose Peña, Executive Director of Athletics*
- 7.7. National School Breakfast Week, March 2-6, 2026, *presented by Mr. S.B. Pierson, Chief of Operations & Infrastructure*
- 7.8. Recognition of Maintenance Worker Appreciation Day, March 6, 2026, *presented by Mr. S.B. Pierson, Chief of Operations & Infrastructure*

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE(S)/ANNOUNCEMENTS - (*Vision and Goals*)

- 8.1. Transportation Update Regarding Senate Bill 546, 89th Legislature, *presented by Mr. S.B. Pierson, Chief of Operations & Infrastructure*
- 8.2. Overview of Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA) and Facilities Master Plan Services (FMP), *presented by Mr. S.B. Pierson, Chief of Operations & Infrastructure*

9. LONE STAR GOVERNANCE - (*Progress and Accountability*)

- 9.1. Goals 1-3 and Supporting GPMs - Benchmark Data, *presented by Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership*
- 9.2. Lone Star Governance Time Use Tracker Report - February 25 and March 11, 2026, *presented by Mari Elizondo, School Board Administrative Assistant*

10. TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY CONSERVATOR'S REPORT - (*Synergy and Teamwork*)

10.1. Monthly TEA Conservator's Report, *presented by Dr. Sylvia Ibarra, TEA Conservator*

11. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S) - (*Systems and Processes*)

To promote efficient meetings, the Board may act on more than one item by a single vote through the use of a consent agenda. The consent agenda shall be comprised of items specified in this Section for which the Superintendent anticipates no board deliberation prior to action being taken on the item and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. At the request of any member of the School Board, any item on the consent agenda shall be removed from the consent agenda and given individual deliberation and action. Requests for the removal of an item from the consent agenda are to be made to the presiding officer at the time that the consent agenda is up for consideration.

A motion was made by Dr. Carlos Margo to approve the Consent Agenda from 11.1 to 11.5. Seconded by Valeria Vega. And the motion carried unanimously.

11.1. Academics & School Leadership:

11.1.1. Approval of the 2026-2027 La Joya ISD Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials Survey

11.1.2. Approval of Scholastic Inc. Summer Reading Bundle – Literacy. At the cost of \$247,965.50 with Scholastic, Inc., New York, NY.

11.1.3. Approval of the UTRGV TexPREP Summer Program. At the cost of \$31,875.00 with The University of Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX

11.1.4. Approval of Budget Increase for EdBetter through the Educational Materials & Equipment RFP. At the cost of \$43,150.00 with EdBetter, LLC, Coppel, TX

11.1.5. Approval of Edusolve, LLC Agreement for the Special Education Department RFP# 2025-70. At the cost of \$119,700.00 with Edu-Solve, LLC.

11.2. Approval of Minutes:

11.2.1. Regular Meeting February 25, 2026

11.2.2. Special Called Meeting March 11, 2026

11.3. Business, Finance & Administrative Services:

11.3.1. Approval of January 2026 Tax Collector's Report

11.3.2. Approval of Investments/Investment Earnings as of December 31, 2025

11.3.3. Approval of Budget Amendment 2026-09 as of March 2026

11.4. Human Capital & Talent Development:

11.4.1. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Holdsworth and La Joya ISD

11.5. Lone Star Governance:

11.5.1. Approval of Report on Goals 1-3 and Supporting GPMs - Benchmark Data

11.5.2. Approval of the Lone Star Governance Time Use Tracker Reports - February 25 & March 11, 2026

12. CLOSED SESSION - (*Synergy and Teamwork*)

Closed Meeting will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.001, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.129, and 551.0821 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the sections and purposes listed below.

Julian Alvarez III, President, School Board, called the meeting into Closed Session at 8:11 p.m. under the section Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.001, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.129, and 551.0821 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the sections and purposes listed below.

- 12.1. Consultation with the Board's Attorney. (Texas Government Code 551.071: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law; and Texas Government Code 551.129: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney by telephone conference call.)
- 12.2. Discuss Personnel Matters and Board and Superintendent Duties. (Texas Government Code 551.074: For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee, including Board Operating Procedures and Self-Assessment.)
- 12.3. Discuss Property Matters. (Texas Government Code 551.072: For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.)
- 12.4. Discussion of Intruder Detection Audit Findings. (Texas Government Code 551.076: To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.)
- 12.5. Personally Identifiable Information About Public School Students. (Texas Government Code 551.0821: For the purpose of deliberating a matter regarding a public-school student, if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed.)
- 12.6. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074: Deliberate regarding

possible nonrenewal of employees subject to program change to remove campus specialty designations.

12.7. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074: Deliberate regarding possible contract action related to elementary and middle school teachers and consult with legal counsel regarding same.

13. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - (*Systems and Processes*)

Julian Alvarez III, President, School Board, called the meeting out of Closed Session at 9:30 p.m.

14. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEM(S) - (*Systems and Processes*)

14.1. A motion was made by Dr. Rosalva Hernandez to approve the In-Kind Donation of Jackets by ChildFund International. Seconded by Valeria Vega. And the motion carried unanimously.

14.2. A motion was made by Alyssa Peña to approve the Nonrenewal of Chapter 21 Contracts for Employees Subject to Program Change to Remove Campus Specialty Designations as presented by the Administration and to authorize the Superintendent to notify the affected employees of this action. Seconded by Dr. Carlos Margo. And the motion carried unanimously.

14.3. A motion was made by Celso Gomez Jr. to approve the recommendation to propose the suspension without pay, propose the good cause termination, and propose the nonrenewal of the term contract of an elementary teacher, as presented, and to void the probationary contract of a middle school teacher and the term contract of an elementary school teacher as presented. I further move to authorize the Superintendent or her designee to provide notice of the employees of these actions and to designate an attorney to serve as the Board's designee if a hearing is requested on the proposed nonrenewal. Seconded by Dr. Rosalva Hernandez. And the motion carried unanimously.

15. CALENDAR - (*Other*)

15.1. March 27, 2026: LIISD Career & Technical Education (CTE) Expo

15.2. April 2026: Autism Month, School Library Month, National Poetry Month, and Annual Elementary Field Day Month

15.3. April 1, 2026: Pre-K & K Discovery Night @ Elementary Campuses

15.4. April 3, 2026: Intl. Day of Women & Girls in Science

15.5. April 3, 2026: Paraprofessional Appreciation Day

15.6. April 3, 2026: Holiday - Central Administration will be closed, and there will be no classes for students

15.7. April 4, 2026: School Library Appreciation Day

15.8. April 4, 2026: National Parenting Education Day

15.9. April 6, 2026: Bad Weather Day - Central Administration will be closed, and there will be no classes for students

15.10. April 6-10, 2026: National Assistant Principals' Week

15.11. April 6-10, 2026: Gifted and Talented Awareness Week

15.12. April 8, 2026: Regular Board Meeting

16. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS - *(Other)*

17. ADJOURNMENT - *(Synergy and Teamwork)*

A motion was made by Alyssa Peña to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Seconded by Jessica Ochoa. And the motion carried unanimously.

Julian Alvarez III
President, School Board

Celso Gomez Jr.
Secretary, School Board



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

District Priority: Priority 5 - Integrity & Accountability

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Ratification and Budget Increase of the Independent Auditor Services RFQ #2024-59 Renewal

BACKGROUND:

On June 18, 2025, the Board approved the Independent Auditor Services RFQ #2024-59 Renewal. A Purchase order was issued in the approved amount of \$90,000.00, as of February 2026 we have exceed that amount since additional work was made due to the extension of audit delivery from November 2025 to February 2026.

RATIONALE:

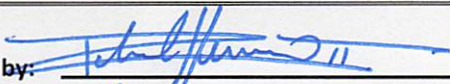
To ensure compliance with District purchasing procedures and maintain accurate financial reporting, Administration is requesting Board ratification of the expenditures and approval of a budget increase in the amount of \$25,000. This action aligns the budget with actual costs incurred and supports the continuation of essential services without disruption.

BUDGET:

Cost \$25,000.00	Funding Source 199-41-6212-00-942-6-99-000	Vendor Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC McAllen, TX
Purchasing Mechanism RFQ #2024-59		Additional Documentation N/A


RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval.

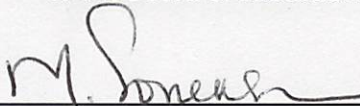
Initiated by: 

Rolando Herrera II, Accounting Supervisor


**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**

Reviewed by: 

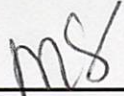
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services



Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

BF&AS Reviewed by: 

Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services

Executive Cabinet Review by: 

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La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

District Priority: Priority 5 - Operational Excellence and Financial Stability

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of February 2026 Tax Collector's Report

BACKGROUND:

As per Texas Property Tax Code Section 31.10 REPORTS AND REMITTANCES OF OTHER TAXES (a) each month the collector of taxes for a taxing unit shall prepare and submit to the governing body of the unit a written report made under oath accounting for all taxes collected for the unit during the preceding month.

RATIONALE:

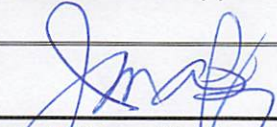
Tax Collector's Report for the month of February 2026

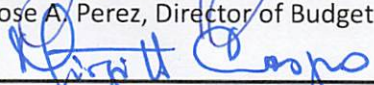
BUDGET:

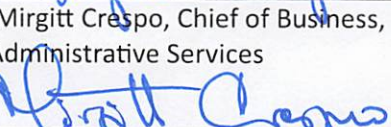
Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		Additional Documentation
N/A		February 2026 Tax Collector's Report

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval

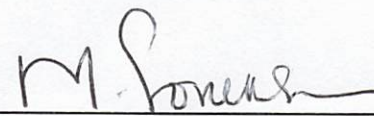
Initiated by: 
Jose A. Perez, Director of Budget

Reviewed by: 
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services

BF&AS Reviewed by: 
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services

Executive Cabinet Review by: 
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**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**


Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

PABLO "PAUL" VILLARREAL JR., ASSESSOR & COLLECTOR
 LA JOYA I.S.D. TAXES COLLECTED FOR:
 FEBRUARY 2026

COMPARATIVE RATE OF COLLECTIONS

LA JOYA I.S.D. SLJ - 49	ORIGINAL TAX LEVY	COLLECTED TO DATE	DROPPED YRS AFTER PURGE	MODIF. TO DATE	TAXES OUTSTANDING	PERCENT 2025/2026	COLLECTED 2024/2025
2025 TAX ROLL	35,343,013.49	27,996,503.82	0.00	(388,853.14)	6,957,656.53	80.09%	80.14%
2024 & PRIOR YRS ROLLBACK	10,419,121.36 6,235.97	2,031,863.95 13,954.08	(30,959.68) 0.00	(521,656.21) 52,107.68	7,834,641.52 44,389.57	20.59% 23.92%	14.18% 67.62%
TOTALS	45,768,370.82	30,042,321.85	(30,959.68)	(858,401.67)	14,836,687.62		

BREAKDOWN OF TAX COLLECTIONS AND FEES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026

	LA JOYA ISD	MONTHLY MODIFICATIONS
CURRENT YEAR-BASE TAX	5,337,148.58	679.98 CURRENT
CURRENT YEAR-P&I	141,147.16	
PRIOR YEARS-BASE TAX	260,491.76	807.80 PRIOR
PRIOR YEARS-P&I	105,763.50	
ROLLBACK	0.00	0.00 ROLLBACK
ROLLBACK P&I	0.00	
ATTORNEY FEES	51,611.22	0.00 PURGED
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	5,896,162.22	1,487.78
LESS TRANSFERRED	4,291,476.99	
LESS IN TRANSIT	1,591,913.42	
LESS DUE TO HCAD COMM FEES	111.81	
LESS DUE TO CO TREASURER	12,660.00	
	0.00	
BALANCE	(0.00)	

*****AFFIDAVIT*****

I, PABLO "PAUL" VILLARREAL JR., ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR THE LA JOYA I.S.D., DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENT OF TAXES COLLECTED BY ME FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026 IS CORRECT.

Pablo Villarreal Jr.

 ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR OF TAXES FOR LA JOYA I.S.D., TEXAS



SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH 2026 A.D.

Mark Martinez

 NOTARY PUBLIC, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS





La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

District Priority:
Priority 5 - Integrity & Accountability

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Contract for JG Consulting for Professional Service

BACKGROUND: The district is expanding its recruitment efforts to ensure access to a broader, nationwide pool of high-quality candidates for key positions.

RATIONALE: Partnering with JG Consulting will support targeted national recruitment, strengthen applicant pipelines, and enhance the quality of candidates for critical roles.

BUDGET:

Cost
\$ 54,400.00

Funding Source
199-41-6291-00-926-6-99-000

Vendor
JG Consulting

Purchasing Mechanism
N/A

Additional Documentation
Agreement for Contractor Attached

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends approval of contract for JG Consulting for professional service.

Initiated by: Jaime Miller
Jaime Miller, Chief of Human Capital and Talent Development

Reviewed by: Jaime Miller
Jaime Miller, Chief of Human Capital and Talent Development

BF&A Reviewed by: Mirgitt Crespo
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business and Administrative Services

Executive Cabinet Review by: Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools



**AGREEMENT
FOR
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR/CONSULTING SERVICES**

This Agreement for Independent Contractor/Consulting Services ("Agreement") is made by and between JGCounseling with offices located at 605 E. University Ave Suite 101, Georgetown, TX. 78626 ("Consultant") and La Joya Independent School District, a Texas public Independent School District located at 200 W. Expressway 83, La Joya, Texas, 78560 ("LJISD" or the "District") (collectively referred to as the "Parties" or individually as the "Party"), acting herein by and through their respectively authorized officers or employees.

AGREEMENT

1.0 Term

This Agreement shall be effective as of September 2025 and end on June 2026, it is duly executed by both parties ("Effective Date") and shall remain in effect for a one-year ("Term"), unless terminated earlier as provided herein.

2.0 Termination

2.1 This Agreement shall automatically terminate at the end of the Term or any renewal terms.

2.2 This Agreement may be terminated prior to the expiration of the Term as follows:

By the District, for convenience, with or without cause, immediately upon written notice, in which case Consultant shall be paid for services rendered up to termination at a pro rated amount proportionate to the Fees (defined below) earned for Services performed prior to termination; or

By either party immediately if the other party commits a breach of any of the material terms of this Agreement; provided that the breaching party has first been provided written notice of the breach and a thirty (30)-day opportunity to cure.

3.0 Services and Fees

3.1 Consultant shall provide the Services set forth more particularly on the attached Exhibit A ("Services") in exchange for the fees also described in Exhibit A. Consultant shall invoice the District within thirty (30) days of the date the Services are performed, and payment will be due within thirty (30) days of the District's receipt of an invoice, subject to the Texas Prompt Payment Act.

3.2 The Services shall be performed in a commercially reasonable manner. Consultant covenants that in performing the Services, it shall: a) comply with all federal, state and local statutes, codes, rules, regulations and guidelines including but not limited to safety and health matters, b) comply with any applicable generally accepted appraising standards, protocols and guidelines or other relevant professional standards, c) perform the Services in a professional manner, and d) perform all requirements that are generally performed by similar professionals in conducting the type of services required by this Agreement.

3.3 The Services shall be performed on a non-exclusive basis. The District shall not be required to retain Consultant to perform any additional services not specifically set forth herein. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the District in its sole discretion may select any other consultant of its choosing upon a decision by the District to conduct similar services. In performing the Services, Consultant shall identify necessary information that should be provided by the District and related processes required to accurately perform the Services and shall provide needed advice to the District in relation to such information and processes.

4.0 Confidentiality

4.1 Consultant shall take reasonable precautions so that access to information relating to the Services is limited to those persons within its employ or under contract with Consultant for whom it is necessary and appropriate. Any release of information outside of those mentioned herein must be immediately reported to the District. All communications pursuant to this agreement whether oral or written between the Consultant and the District, as well as any documents or reports generated during or as a part of the Services shall be regarded by Consultant as confidential unless otherwise determined by the District or as provided by any applicable law or District policies, including without limitation the Texas Public Information Act or the Texas Open Meetings Act. To this end, Consultant shall keep all such communications and information confidential, except as provided by the District.

4.2 Consultant's employees/contractors shall not create or otherwise access, obtain, or use photographs or videos of LJISD students during or after the provision of Services under this Agreement absent express written consent from a student's parent or legal guardian.

5.0 Criminal History Record Checks

5.1 To the extent permitted by law, Consultant shall obtain all criminal history information required by Texas Education Code Chapter 22 regarding its "covered employees," as defined below. If Consultant is required by Chapter 22 to obtain the information from the Fingerprint-based Applicant Clearinghouse of Texas, then Consultant, to the extent permitted by law, will also subscribe to that person's criminal history record information. Before beginning any work under this Agreement, Consultant will provide written certification to the District that Consultant has complied with the statutory requirements as of that date, or, in the event Consultant is not legally permitted to comply with such requirements, Consultant shall cooperate with the District as set forth below. Upon request by District, Consultant will provide, in writing, updated certifications and the names of any other requested information regarding covered employees, so that the District may obtain criminal history recommended information to the covered employees. Consultant shall assume all expenses associated with obtaining criminal history record information.

5.2 Consultant will not assign any “covered employee” with a “disqualifying criminal history,” as those terms are defined below, to work under this Agreement. If Consultant receives information that a covered employee has a reported disqualifying criminal history, including any such information shared by District, then Consultant will immediately remove the covered employee from District property and notify the District in writing within three (3) business days. If the District objects to the assignment of any covered employee on the basis of the covered employee’s criminal history record information, then Consultant agrees to discontinue using that covered employee to provide services at the District. If Consultant has taken precautions or imposed conditions to ensure that the employees of Consultant will not become covered employees, Consultant will ensure that these precautions or conditions continue throughout the time the contracted services are provided.

5.3 For the purposes of this Section, “covered employees” means employees, agents, or subcontractors of Consultant or any of Consultant’s consultants who has or will have continuing duties related to the services to be performed under this Agreement and has or will have direct contact with District’s students. The District will decide what constitutes direct contact with District’s students. “Disqualifying criminal history” means any conviction or other criminal history information designated by the District, or one of the following offenses; if at the time of the offense, the victim was under 18 years of age or enrolled in a public school; a felony offense under Texas Penal Code Title 5 Offense Against Persons; an offense for which a defendant is required to register as a sex offender under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 62; or an equivalent offense under federal law or the laws of another state.

5.4 Any subcontractor entity, as defined by Texas Education Code § 22.08341(a)(3), shall be, to the extent permitted by law, required by the terms of their contract with Consultant or any other contracting entity (as defined in Texas Education Code § 22.08341(a)(1)), and by Texas law, to obtain the required criminal history record information on their employees, agents, or applicants, to give required certification to District and the contracting entities, and to obtain required certifications from the subcontracting entity’s subcontractors.

5.5 On request of District, Consultant shall provide all necessary identifying information to allow District to obtain criminal history record information for covered employees/contractors of the Consultant and all subcontracting entities. Consultant shall update this list on District’s request. Consultant shall further cooperate in all respects with any reasonable request by District to assist District in obtaining criminal history record information on the employees/contractors of Consultant, including without limitation paying any fees or costs reasonably requested by District to enable District to obtain needed criminal history record information.

6.0 Licenses and Technical Matters.

6.1 Consultant represents that where appropriate each and every employee of Consultant and/or any contractor of Consultant that is participating in the provision of Services has the capability, experience, means and appropriate licenses and permits required to perform the Services contemplated by this Agreement to the extent applicable to such individual or contractor. Consultant represents that it is aware of and in full compliance with the laws of Texas, if any, for the licensing and certification of any professionals providing the Services. Upon request, Consultant must provide evidence to the District that any applicable professional license is current

and in good standing. Consultant must contact the District immediately if such license status has changed. Upon request, Consultant shall provide the District with the identity of all individual employees or contractors involved with performing the Services.

7.0 Indemnity

CONSULTANT WILL DEFEND (WITH COUNSEL REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE DISTRICT), INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE DISTRICT AND ITS AFFILIATES, AND EACH AND ALL OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, PARTNERS, TRUSTEES, REGENTS AND AGENTS, FROM AND AGAINST ALL THIRD PARTY CLAIMS, LOSSES, LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPERT WITNESS FEES AND COURT COSTS, TO THE EXTENT ARISING OUT OF CONSULTANT'S ACT OR OMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGREEMENT OR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES.

8.0 Liability

No Party assumes the liability for the duties and/or responsibilities under control of the other Party or for the actions of the employees of the other Party.

9.0 Immunity as a Defense; Deficiency Debt

Neither Party waives or relinquishes any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, its trustees, officers, employees, and/or agents as a result of its execution of this Agreement and performance of the functions or obligations described herein. Furthermore, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create a claim or cause of action against either Party for which it is not otherwise liable, or to waive any immunity or defense to which either Party may be entitled, or to create an impermissible deficiency debt of either Party.

10.0 Notices

Notices under this Agreement shall be in writing, via certified mail return receipt requested, facsimile or electronic mail, and shall be delivered to the other Party at the following respective addresses, including any indicated email address:

LJISD: La Joya Independent School District
200 W. Expressway 83
La Joya, TX 78560
Attn: Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent
Email: m.sorensen@lajoyaisd.net

CONSULTANT: Name of Vendor
Address
City, State, Zip Code
Attn: Contact Person
Email:

11.0 Relationship

The relationship between the Parties is that of Independent Contractors; neither Party has the authority to bind the other in any manner. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between the Parties and/or their respective employees. This Agreement does not create a joint venture, business partnership or agency relationship between the Parties.

12.0 Non-Discrimination

The Parties, in performing this Agreement, shall not discriminate against any person based on race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, familial status, or any other protected class.

13.0 Jurisdiction/Venue

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and venue for all disputes arising under this Agreement shall lie in Hidalgo County, Texas.

14.0 Assignment

No party shall assign or otherwise transfer its interest in this Agreement without the express written permission of the other Party.

15.0 Severability

If any portion of this Agreement shall be declared illegal or held unenforceable for any reason, the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect and this Agreement shall be liberally construed to carry out the intent of the Parties.

16.0 Entire Agreement; Severability; Further Assurances; Waiver

This Agreement, including Exhibit A attached to this Agreement, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, understandings and negotiations, with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. In the event any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it is the desire and intention of the Parties that such invalidity or unenforceability not invalidate or render unenforceable the remainder of the Agreement and that such provision be reformed and construed in such a manner that it will, to the maximum extent practicable, be deemed valid and enforceable, and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly. Each Party shall execute and deliver such further documents and take such further actions as may be required or reasonably requested by the other Party to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement. Any waiver by any Party of its rights with respect to a default or requirement under this Agreement will not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent default or other matter.

17.0 Warranty

By the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the undersigned individuals warrant that they have been duly authorized by all requisite administrative action to enter into and perform the terms of this Agreement.

18.0 Headings

The captions and headings appearing in this Agreement are inserted merely to facilitate reference and will have no bearing upon its interpretation.

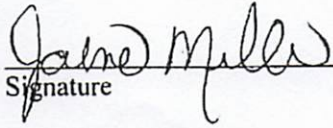
19.0 Amendments

This Agreement may be amended or modified only by written agreement authorized and executed by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.

This Agreement may be executed in multiple originals, each having equal force and effect, on behalf of the parties as follows:

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:


Signature

Jaime Miller

Name

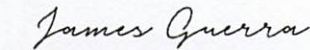
Chief of Human Capital and Talent Development

Title

September 23,2025

Date

JGCounseling


Signature

Signature

James Guerra

Name

President & CEO

Title

September 23,2025

Date


Signature

Signature

Mirgitt Crespo

Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services

September 23,2025

Date

Exhibit A - Services and Fees

Scope of Services

Executive Search Services for the following roles:

- Deputy Chief of Business & Finance
- Executive Director of Budget & Fiscal Oversight
- Executive Director of Humanities

Fee Structure

\$54,400

First payment upon start of services, final payment after completion of services

Please include proposal or quotation documentation as part of Exhibit A

Funding Source



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 2 - Empowered Graduates

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Report on CPM 1: Student Achievement Conditions; 1.1 Strategic Academic Interventions; 1.2 North Star Goal

BACKGROUND:

This report is provided to the School Board in alignment with the Lone Star Governance Board Monitoring Schedule.

RATIONALE:

Approval will ensure we are in compliance with the Lone Star Governance Texas Framework as well as prove transparency on strategic actions taken in alignment with CPM 1: Student Achievement Conditions; 1.1 Strategic Academic Interventions; 1.2 North Star Goal emphasizing accountability, continuous improvement, and student outcomes.

BUDGET:

Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		Additional Documentation
N/A		N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of Report on CPM 1: Student Achievement Conditions; 1.1 Strategic Academic Interventions; 1.2 North Star Goal.

Initiated by: Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**

Reviewed by: _____

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

BF&AS
Reviewed by: _____

Executive
Cabinet
Review by: Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 4 - Community, Trust, Unity and Partnership

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of the Lone Star Governance Time Use Tracker Report - March 25, 2026

BACKGROUND:

The most effective school boards focus on improving student outcomes and codify their commitment to this by tracking how they spend their time during board meetings, spending upwards of 50% of their time discussing student outcomes. When we track how we spend our time, our board behaviors begin to become more closely aligned with our values. By adopting a vision, mission, goals, goal progress measures and constraints that are focused on improving student outcomes, we have shared what is important to us with our community and board behaviors should reflect such a focus by spending at least 50% of their time discussing student outcomes.

RATIONALE:


Approval of the LSG Board Monitoring Schedule will ensure we are in compliance with the Lone Star Governance Texas

BUDGET:

Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		Additional Documentation
N/A		Time Use Tracker Report

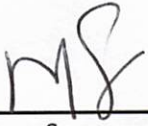
RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the Lone Star Governance Time Use Tracker Report - March 25, 2026.

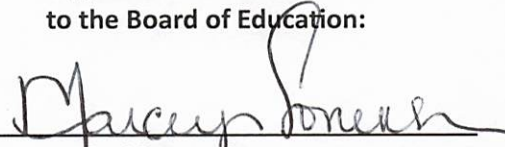
Initiated by: 
Mari Elizondo, School Board Administrative Assistant

Reviewed by: _____

BF&AS
Reviewed by: _____

Executive
Cabinet
Review by: 
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**


Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

TIME USE TRACKER		La Joya ISD - March 25 , 2026		QTR:	Date:	03/31/26
Framework Pillars	Student Outcome Minutes	Adult Behavior Minutes	The board tracks its time spent during public authorized meetings			Other Topic Minutes
Vision and Goals		47	← Minutes setting student outcome goals			
		47	← Minutes setting constraints or theories of action			
Progress and Accountability	19	4	← Minutes receiving, discussing, and voting on Student Outcome Goal Monitoring Reports according to the board adopted Monitoring Calendar			
			← Minutes receiving, discussing, and voting on Constraint Monitoring Reports according to the board adopted Monitoring Calendar			
			← Minutes evaluating the superintendent on student outcome goals, GPMs, constraints, and CPMs			
		4	← Minutes performing board self-evaluations using the LSG Integrity Instrument			
Systems and Processes	Minutes discussing, debating, and voting on other agenda items (including consent agenda items) →				3	
Advocacy and Engagement		4	← Minutes hosting two-way communication meetings on student outcome goals, constraints, theories of action and/or progress toward student outcome goals			
			← Minutes recognizing the accomplishments of students and staff regarding progress on student outcome goals			
Synergy and Teamwork	Minutes fulfilling statutorily required public hearings, forums, and comments					
	Minutes fulfilling statutorily required or Lone Star Governance workshops					
	Minutes in closed session as permitted by law					
Other	Any time spent on an activity that does not meet the conditions listed above →				41	
TOTALS	19	51	114		44	
Use For Student Outcome and Adult Behavior Minutes Percentage Calculation: $\frac{70}{114} \times 100 = 61.40\%$ % Student Outcome and Adult Behavior Minutes						
Use For Student Outcome Minutes Percentage Calculation: $\frac{19}{114} \times 100 = 16.67\%$ % Student Outcome Minutes						

Trustees Present	Trustees Absent	% Attendance
7	0	100.00%

Count of 'Other' Agenda Items
3

Goals Discussed	Goals on Target	% on Target
3	1	33.33%

Consent Items	Consent Items Removed	% Remaining on Consent Agenda
13	0	100.00%

GPMs Discussed	GPMs on Target	% on Target
3	3	100.00%



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

District Priority: Priority 5 - Operational Excellence and Financial Stability

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Ratification of Change Order No.1 and Budget increase for the La Joya ISD – Sports Complex Softball Field Synthetic Turf Surfacing Project

BACKGROUND:

On September 24, 2025, the Board approved the La Joya ISD Sports Complex- Softball Field Synthetic Turf Surfacing # 2026-806 in the amount of \$1,119,173.00. The original scope focused on turf resurfacing; however, during construction it was identified that dugouts and adequate backstop walls were lacking. These components were added to ensure safety, functionality, and a fully operational facility.

RATIONALE:

Administration is requesting Board ratification of the expenditures and approval of a \$225,000.00 budget increase to ensure compliance with District purchasing procedures and accurate financial reporting. The addition of dugouts and backstop walls, identified during construction, supports safety, functionality, and completion of the facility.

BUDGET:

Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
\$225,000.00	199-81-6629-00-960-6-99-000	Fielder’s Choice, Inc Pasadena, TX
Purchasing Mechanism		Additional Documentation
Region 8 TIPS Contract #230320101		Change Order No. 1

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of Ratification and Budget increase of Change Order No. 1

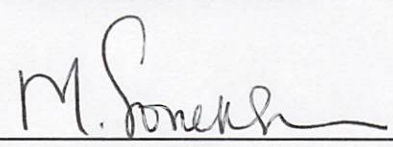
Initiated by: 
 Stacy B. Pierson, Chief of Operations & Infrastructure

Reviewed by: 
 Stacy B. Pierson, Chief of Operations & Infrastructure

BF&AS Reviewed by: 
 Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services

Executive Cabinet Review by: 

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**


 Dr. Marcey Sorensen
 Superintendent of Schools



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Change Order

PROJECT: *(Name and address)*
La Joya ISD Sports Complex- Softball
Field Synthetic Turf Surfacing
201 C North Stadium Dr.
La Joya, TX 78560

CONTRACT INFORMATION:
Contract For: La Joya ISD Sports
Complex Turf Resurfacing Project
Date: 01-09-2026

CHANGE ORDER INFORMATION:
Change Order Number: 001
Date: 01-09-2026

OWNER: *(Name and address)*
La Joya Independent School District
200 W. Expressway 83
La Joya, TX 78560

ARCHITECT: *(Name and address)*

CONTRACTOR: *(Name and address)*
Fielder's Choice, Inc.
7600 Joplin
Houston, TX 77087

THE CONTRACT IS CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

This change order is for the following: Addition of dugouts & Backstop wall- details attached

Dugouts-	\$140,000.00
Backstop Wall-	\$85,000.00
Total	\$225,000.00

The original Contract Sum was
The net change by previously authorized Change Orders
The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order was
The Contract Sum will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of
The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be

\$	1,119,173.00
\$	0.00
\$	1,119,173.00
\$	225,000.00
\$	1,344,173.00

The Contract Time will be unchanged by Zero (0) days.
The new date of Substantial Completion will be unchanged

NOTE: This Change Order does not include adjustments to the Contract Sum or Guaranteed Maximum Price, or the Contract Time, that have been authorized by Construction Change Directive until the cost and time have been agreed upon by both the Owner and Contractor, in which case a Change Order is executed to supersede the Construction Change Directive.

NOT VALID UNTIL SIGNED BY THE ARCHITECT, CONTRACTOR AND OWNER.

ARCHITECT *(Signature)*

CONTRACTOR *(Signature)*

OWNER *(Signature)*

(Printed name, title, and license number if required)

TOM WORTHEN
(Printed name and title)

Stacy B. Pearson, Chief of Operations
(Printed name and title)

Date

1-12-2026
Date

1-12-2026
Date



La Joya ISD
Softball Field Renovation
Change Order 1

1/12/2026

Thanks for the opportunity to bid the additional scope for the La Joya High School SB Project. Fielder's Choice would be performing a turnkey process on this project.

SCOPE: Dugouts.....Cost: \$140,000.00

1. Structural Engineering
2. Install a Concrete Storage Pad
3. Install a Storage Room on the Home Team Dugout
4. Rollup Door from Storage Room to the Field
5. Install Dugout Wall in front of both Dugouts with Padding with Logo
6. Paint both Dugouts and Walls

SCOPE: Backstop Wall..... Cost: \$ 85,000.00

1. Civil Engineering
2. Install a 3.5' CMU Wall from Dugout to Dugout
3. Install Wall Pads from Dugout to Dugout
4. Install 30' High Poles & Netting from Dugout to Dugout

Exclusions:

1. Any Fencing
2. Field Lighting
3. Electrical
4. Storm Drains Outside Fields
5. Earthwork, Utilities
6. Bleachers, Press Boxes, Player Benches
7. Scoreboards
8. Permits & Fee Cost

If you have any questions regarding this Bid Scope please call Tom Worthen with Fielder's Choice at 713.828.0113 or 281.484.6400.



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

District Priority: Priority 1 - Customer Service

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Purchase for AXIS View Station Answering Units through Purchasing Cooperatives

BACKGROUND:

The District utilizes intercom and access control systems to support communication, safety, and security across campuses. To enhance functionality and response capabilities, the District is proposing the purchase of AXIS View Station Answering Units compatible with the existing ACS intercom system.

RATIONALE:

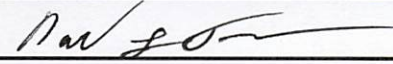
The AXIS View Station Answering Units will enhance real-time communication, improve response times, and support overall campus safety. This purchase aligns with the District’s efforts to strengthen security infrastructure while ensuring compatibility with existing systems, with installation services supporting proper integration and minimal disruption.

BUDGET:

Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
\$51,825.00	42-52-6397-00-993-4-99-SFE	Janga Technology McAllen, TX
Purchasing Mechanism		Additional Documentation
Region 8 Tips #230202/Quotes Attached		Tabsheet

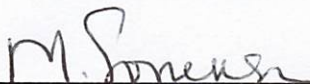
RECOMMENDATION:

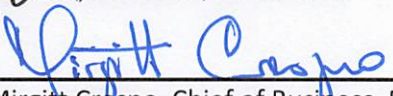
Administration recommends approval of the purchase of AXIS View Station Answering Units.


Initiated by: 
David L. Torres, Emergency Management
Coordinator

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**

Reviewed by: 
Leonardo Sanchez, Police Chief


Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

**BF&AS
Reviewed by:** 
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance, and
Administrative Services

**Executive
Cabinet
Review by:** 
S.B. Pierson, Chief Operations & Infrastructure



**La Joya Independent School District
Axis View Station
Quotation through Purchasing Cooperatives**

		Axis Communications Corpus Christi, TX		Janga Technology McAllen, TX	
Description	QTY	Cost	Extended Cost	Cost	Extended Cost
Answering Unit	72	\$719.00	\$51,768.00	\$570.00	\$41,040.00
Desk Stand	72	\$59.00	\$4,248.00	\$49.00	\$3,528.00
Configuration to current ACS Intercoms	72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$99.00	\$7,128.00
Standard Shipping	1	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$129.00	\$129.00
Total			\$56,016.00		\$51,825.00
Recommendation				Recommended	

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La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: April 8, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 4 - Community, Trust, Unity and Partnership

Agenda Category: Action Item

Item Title: Hearing to consider recommendation of Independent Hearing Examiner regarding proposed termination of Pedro Zurita pursuant to Board Policy DFD. (The Board may go into closed session to deliberate and discuss this matter with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074.)

BACKGROUND:

The Board approved the proposed termination of Pedro Zurita on November 19, 2025. Mr. Zurita filed a request for the assignment of an Independent Hearing Examiner (“IHE”) to conduct a hearing regarding his proposed termination. An IHE appointed by the Texas Education Agency presided over an evidentiary hearing on the proposed termination on January 16, 2026 and February 24, 2026. The IHE issued his findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation on March 17, 2026. The IHE found that the District met its burden of proof to establish that good cause exists to terminate Mr. Zurita’s Chapter 21 term contract. As a result, the IHE recommended that the Board terminate Mr. Zurita’s Chapter 21 term contract.

RATIONALE:

The Independent Hearing Examiner found that the District established good cause to terminate Mr. Zurita’s Chapter 21 term contract and recommended that the Board uphold his proposed termination.

BUDGET:

Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		Additional Documentation
N/A		N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of proposed termination of Pedro Zurita.

Initiated by:

Robyn Derington, Deputy Chief of HCTD

Reviewed by:

Robyn Derington, Deputy Chief of HCTD

Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

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Reviewed by:

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Review by:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools