



# Gregory-Portland Independent School District

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## BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. MICHELLE CAVAZOS

FROM: Crystal Tyler and Michael Thieme

CC: BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
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DATE: Monday, March 30, 2026

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Possible Action to determine feasibility of the G-  
PISD budget supporting the purchase of school buses by 2029 to meet  
requirements of Senate Bill 546.

### PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 1: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

N/A

PRIORITY 2: HIGH PERFORMING AND ENGAGED WORKFORCE

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PRIORITY 3: QUALITY SERVICE AND IMPACTFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PRIORITY 4: EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS OPERATIONS

- 4.1 Annually improve operational processes
- 4.3 Ensure strategic alignment of resources
- 4.4 Annually improve Safety and Security

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Type: Action

Senate Bill 546 requires all buses used by a school district for the transportation of schoolchildren to be equipped with a three-point seat belt for each passenger, by September 1, 2029.

Additionally, in a public board meeting, the district is required to present the number of buses operated by or contracted for use that:

1. Are not equipped with seat belts
2. Are equipped only with two-point seat belts
3. Are equipped with three-point seat belts
4. The estimated cost to equip all buses with three-point seat belts

This information is provided in an accompanying, provided presentation.

## RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Board determine that the budget does not allow the replacement of nineteen (19) School buses at an estimated cost of \$3,040,000 (plus projected price increases). This determination will be followed by administration submission of estimated costs to equip all buses with three-point seat belts, via the Sentinel Bus Reporting Module.

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

Current pricing to purchase 19 school buses is estimated at \$3,040,000.00. Retrofitting over the next three (3) years is currently projected to cost up to \$580,000.00. This number will be affected by the currently planned bus replacement cycle. As part of this cycle, between 5-10 of the nineteen (19) listed buses will be removed from service prior to Sept. 1, 2029.

## BOARD RELATED POLICY:

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## ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

That the Board accepts Administration recommendation to determine that the budget does not allow the replacement of nineteen (19) School buses at an estimated cost of \$3,040,000, plus projected price increases.