



Gregory-Portland Independent School District

BOARD MEMORANDUM

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DATE: Monday, March 30, 2026

SUBJECT: LOW ATTENDANCE WAIVER

PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 1: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

- 1.1 Annually increase performance in reading for all students and all student groups
- 1.2 Annually increase performance in math for all students and all student groups
- 1.3 Annually increase performance in College; Career; and Military Readiness for all students and all student groups
- 1.4 Annually increase student engagement for all students and all student groups
- 1.5 Annually increase the percentage of students who feel safe at school

PRIORITY 2: HIGH PERFORMING AND ENGAGED WORKFORCE

N/A

PRIORITY 3: QUALITY SERVICE AND IMPACTFUL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

N/A

PRIORITY 4: EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS OPERATIONS

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Type: Consent

On January 26, 2026, the Gregory-Portland Independent School District experienced unusually cold weather conditions, including below-freezing temperatures across the region. These conditions created hazardous travel situations for students and families, resulting in a significantly reduced student attendance rate across the district. The district's overall attendance for that day was 75.01 percent, which is substantially below the attendance rate required for the day to count toward state attendance calculations for funding purposes.

Under rules established by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), school districts may request a Low Attendance Day Waiver when attendance drops due to events such as inclement weather, health concerns, or other circumstances beyond the district's control. If approved, the waiver allows the district to exclude that day from average daily attendance (ADA) calculations so that the district is not financially penalized for circumstances that prevented normal student attendance.

Gregory-Portland ISD is submitting this waiver request to TEA for January 26, 2026, due to the unusually low attendance associated with the severe cold weather conditions. Approval of the waiver will allow the district to remove the day from attendance calculations for funding purposes while still counting the day as an instructional day for the academic calendar.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of a Low Attendance Day Waiver to the Texas Education Agency for January 26, 2026. Approval of this request will allow the District to exclude the day from Average Daily Attendance (ADA) calculations due to unusually low attendance caused by inclement weather conditions, ensuring the District is not financially penalized for circumstances beyond its control.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AMOUNT AND FUNDING SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE):

N/A

BOARD RELATED POLICY:

FEB (Local)

ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

That the Board accept the recommendation by District Administration to approve the LOW ATTENDANCE DAY WAIVER for January 26, 2026, and authorize its submission to the Texas Education Agency.