



Gregory-Portland Independent School District

BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. MICHELLE CAVAZOS

FROM: Penny Armstrong

CC: BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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DATE: Monday, August 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of Special Education Legal Services

PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 1: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT PERFORMANCE

N/A

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

4.3 Ensure strategic alignment of resources

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Type: Consent

The District is seeking to engage Buechler and Associates to provide Special Education Legal Services for the 2026–2027 School Year. Specialized legal services are necessary to support the District in addressing

legal matters related to special education, including compliance with applicable federal and state requirements and guidance related to special education processes and evaluations.

Buechler and Associates have previously provided legal services to Gregory-Portland Independent School District and have experience supporting the District with special education matters. The Special Education Director has worked with Buechler and Associates previously and was pleased with the firm's responsiveness, expertise, and level of support.

The District's need for specialized special education legal services remains ongoing. Administration recommends engaging Buechler and Associates for the 2026–2027 School Year to provide continued legal guidance and support in this specialized area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the School Board approve Buechler and Associates for Special Education Legal Services for the 2026–2027 school year. Buechler and Associates have previously provided legal services to Gregory-Portland ISD. The Special Education Director has worked with the firm in the past and was pleased with the quality of support and services provided.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AMOUNT AND FUNDING SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE):

Approximately \$44,500

BOARD RELATED POLICY:

CH (LEGAL)

CH (LOCAL)

ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

The School Board accept Administration's recommendation to contract with Buechler and Associates to provide Special Education Legal Services to Gregory-Portland Independent School District for the 2026–2027 School Year at the agreed-upon rates.