

# Agenda of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Grand Prairie Independent School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Grand Prairie Independent School District will be held Thursday, September 14, 2023, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Board Room at the Education Center, 2602 South Belt Line Road, Grand Prairie, TX 75052.

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

Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E, or Texas Government Code section 418.183(f). Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

1. **5:30 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER**
2. **RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION**
  - A. Personnel Matters (§ 551.074)  
Appointments, Discipline, Dismissals, Duties, Employment, Employment Contracts, Evaluations, Extensions, Leaves of Absence, Nonrenewals, Proposals for Nonrenewals, Renewals, Reassignments, Retirements, Job Abandonment, Terminations, Proposed Terminations, Requests for Leave of Absence, Requests for Extended Leave Without Pay, Proposed Suspension Without Pay, Resignations, and Settlements.
  - B. Deliberation Regarding Real Property (§ 551.072)
  - C. School Children; School District Employees; Disciplinary Matter or Complaint (§ 551.082)
  - D. Consultation with Attorney (§ 551.071)  
Consultation with the attorney with respect to pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and matters where the attorney's duty to the district, pursuant to the code of professional responsibility of the State Bar of Texas, clearly conflicts with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, or on a matter which the attorney determines should be confidential, including but not limited to, contract negotiations in accordance with the Texas Government Code §§ 551.071, 551.082, 551.0821, 551.087.
    1. Contract with O'Hanlon, Demearath & Castillo regarding A-F Accountability
  - E. Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits (§§ 551.076; .089). The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.
3. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

4. **INVOCATION**
5. **PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG AND TEXAS FLAG**
6. **RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**  
**Presenter:** Sam Buchmeyer, Public Information Officer
  - A. Hispanic Heritage Month
  - B. School Supply Partners
  - C. GPISD Spotlight - Four GPISD Schools Ranked Nationally among 2023-2024 Best High Schools as Published by U.S. News & World Report
  - D. Michelle Duphorne - Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Finalist
  - E. Grand Prairie High School LULAC National Award Winners
  - F. Berklie Plemons - KidCulator App Creator
7. **OPEN FORUM FOR AGENDA ITEMS**  
 A. Persons attending the meeting may request an Open Forum Sign-Up Card. The card must be completed in its entirety and submitted to the Board President or designee by 7:00 p.m. The first Open Forum is limited to agenda items other than personnel, public officers, and individual/specific students. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. When more than one individual wishes to address the same agenda item, the President may ask the group to appoint one spokesperson.
8. **ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**
9. **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**  
**Presenter:** Linda Ellis, Superintendent of Schools
10. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**
  - A. Minutes
  - B. Personnel: Routine Action
    1. Employment, Retirement(s), Termination(s)/Proposed Termination(s), Proposed Nonrenewal(s), Request(s) for Leave of Absence, Request(s) for Extended Leave Without Pay, Resignation(s), Reassignment(s), Request(s) for Temporary Disability, Job Abandonment, Proposed Extension of Probationary Contract(s), Proposed Suspension Without Pay, Administrator Contract Recommendations, Non-Administrator Contract Recommendations
    2. Personnel Report
      - a. Personnel Report
  - C. Regular Reports of the Superintendent  
**Presenter:** Tracy Ray, Interim Deputy Superintendent of Business Operations
    1. Contract Listing
      - a. Contract Listing
    2. Property Tax Collection Report
      - a. Property Tax Collection Report 4
    3. Revenue & Expenditure
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- E. District Improvement Plan 30  
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- F. District of Innovation Plan 31  
**Presenter:** Dr. Melissa Kates, General Counsel
12. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
- A. Review of Board Agenda Calendar  
**Presenter:** Linda Ellis, Superintendent of Schools
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13. **OPEN FORUM FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
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14. **COMMENTS FROM INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS**
- A. Board of Trustees' expressions of thanks, congratulations, and condolences.
15. **ADJOURNMENT**



**GRAND PRAIRIE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2023**

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATION (M&O)**

Description	JULY			
	2022-2023 Original Budget	2022-2023 Revised Budget	2022-2023 Monthly Activity	2022-2023 FYTD Activity
LOCAL TAXES-CURRENT	\$ 104,439,630.00	\$ 106,189,630.00	\$ 9,501.81	\$ 106,700,435.60
LOCAL TAXES-PRIOR YR	700,000.00	700,000.00	(2,733.08)	534,689.32
PENALTY/INTEREST	500,000.00	500,000.00	51,516.70	630,363.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 105,639,630.00</b>	<b>\$ 107,389,630.00</b>	<b>\$ 58,285.43</b>	<b>\$ 107,865,488.74</b>

**INTEREST & SINKING (I&S)**

Description	JULY			
	2022-2023 Original Budget	2022-2023 Revised Budget	2022-2023 Monthly Activity	2022-2023 FYTD Activity
LOCAL TAXES - CUR YR	\$ 40,870,000.00	\$ 40,870,000.00	\$ 3,669.14	\$ 41,202,273.40
LOCAL TAXES - PRIOR YEAR	100,000.00	100,000.00	(1,475.83)	226,776.70
PENALTY/INTEREST/DEL	25,000.00	25,000.00	20,507.83	252,699.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 40,995,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,995,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,701.14</b>	<b>\$ 41,681,749.74</b>

This report is prepared for the Board of Trustees meeting held September 14, 2023.

**2022-2023 GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JULY 31, 2023**

	General Fund Original Budget	July 31, 2023 Amended Budget	07/31/23 Revenue, Expenditures, and Change in FB	% of Budget
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Local revenues	\$ 112,839,630	\$ 119,089,630	\$ 120,745,670	101%
5800 State revenues	152,637,704	157,637,704	144,483,960	92%
5900 Federal revenues	7,099,025	7,849,025	5,916,172	75%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 272,576,359</b>	<b>\$ 284,576,359</b>	<b>\$ 271,145,802</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
11 Instruction	\$ 153,526,773	\$ 146,975,331	\$ 119,127,785	81%
12 Inst. Resources/Media	3,850,369	3,932,398	3,194,769	81%
13 Curr & Staff Develop	4,318,325	4,449,949	3,019,067	68%
21 Inst Leadership	5,016,691	4,936,138	4,076,448	83%
23 School Leadership	21,665,370	24,224,316	19,435,908	80%
31 Guidance/Counseling	13,337,675	13,894,661	11,447,663	82%
32 Social Services	262,709	303,630	242,523	80%
33 Health Services	4,300,152	4,487,382	3,421,087	76%
34 Transportation	7,750,904	11,981,707	6,908,359	58%
35 Food Service	-	500,000	-	0%
36 Extra-Curricular	5,785,049	6,306,782	5,036,520	80%
41 General Admin.	7,490,327	7,911,283	6,202,222	78%
51 Maint & Operations	33,911,174	32,704,130	25,670,873	78%
52 Security	3,862,811	5,116,918	3,320,466	65%
53 Data Processing	9,356,089	9,638,604	7,524,767	78%
61 Community Services	4,711,228	4,869,444	3,688,159	76%
71 Debt Service	1,207,700	1,212,700	2,441,993	201%
81 Facilities Acq/Constr.	-	597,814	922,432	154%
95 Juvenile Justice Prgm	80,410	80,410	26,142	33%
97 Payments to TIF	-	-	-	0%
99 Intergovernmental Chgs	447,762	452,762	447,762	99%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 280,881,518</b>	<b>\$ 284,576,359</b>	<b>\$ 226,154,945</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>OTHER SOURCES:</b>				
7912 Sale of Property	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,247	
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	-	746,120	
7915 Operating Transfer In	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 784,367</b>	
<b>OTHER USES:</b>				
8911 Operating Transfer Out	\$ -	\$ 23,235,834	\$ 23,235,834	
<b>TOTAL OTHER USES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 23,235,834</b>	<b>\$ 23,235,834</b>	
<b>CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ (8,305,159)</b>	<b>\$ (23,235,834)</b>	<b>\$ 22,539,390</b>	

**2022-2023 GENERAL FUND - DONATION**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF JULY 31, 2023**

	General Fund Original Budget	July 31, 2023 Amended Budget	07/31/23 Revenue, Expenditures, and Change in FB	% of Budget
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Local revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,584,833	0%
5800 State revenues	-	-	-	0%
5900 Federal revenues	-	-	-	0%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 16,584,833</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
11 Instruction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
12 Inst. Resources/Media	-	-	-	0%
13 Curr & Staff Develop	-	-	-	0%
21 Inst Leadership	-	-	-	0%
23 School Leadership	-	-	-	0%
31 Guidance/Counseling	-	-	-	0%
32 Social Services	-	-	-	0%
33 Health Services	-	-	-	0%
34 Transportation	-	-	-	0%
35 Food Service	-	-	-	0%
36 Extra-Curricular	-	-	-	0%
41 General Admin.	-	-	-	0%
51 Maint & Operations	-	-	-	0%
52 Security	-	-	-	0%
53 Data Processing	-	-	-	0%
61 Community Services	-	-	-	0%
71 Debt Service	-	-	-	0%
81 Facilities Acq/Constr.	-	-	-	0%
95 Juvenile Justice Prgm	-	-	-	0%
97 Payments to TIF	-	-	-	0%
99 Intergovernmental Chgs	-	-	-	0%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>OTHER SOURCES:</b>				
7912 Sale of Property	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
7913 Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	-	-	
7915 Operating Transfer In	-	-	-	
<b>TOTAL OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>OTHER USES:</b>				
8911 Operating Transfer Out	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>TOTAL OTHER USES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 16,584,833</b>	

**2023-2024 General Fund  
Summary of Proposed Budget Transfers/Amendments  
9/14/2023 Regular Board Meeting**

	General Fund Original Budget	September, 2023 Proposed Budget Transfers	September, 2023 Proposed Budget Amendment	September, 2023 Proposed Amended Budget
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Local revenues	\$ 102,097,711	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102,097,711
5800 State revenues	178,721,115	-	-	178,721,115
5900 Federal revenues	4,855,000	-	-	4,855,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 285,673,826</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 285,673,826</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
11 Instruction	\$ 162,073,885	\$ (197,000)	\$ -	\$ 161,876,885
12 Inst. Resources/Media	3,264,282	-	-	3,264,282
13 Curr & Staff Develop	3,091,530	197,000	-	3,288,530
21 Inst Leadership	4,971,482	-	-	4,971,482
23 School Leadership	20,854,215	(1,000)	-	20,853,215
31 Guidance/Counseling	13,825,769	-	-	13,825,769
32 Social Services	412,602	-	-	412,602
33 Health Services	4,182,123	-	-	4,182,123
34 Transportation	9,018,267	-	-	9,018,267
35 Food Service	-	-	-	-
36 Extra-Curricular	6,025,410	-	-	6,025,410
41 General Admin.	7,503,163	-	-	7,503,163
51 Maint & Operations	33,268,202	1,000	-	33,269,202
52 Security	6,514,692	-	-	6,514,692
53 Data Processing	8,834,291	-	-	8,834,291
61 Community Services	4,812,815	-	-	4,812,815
71 Debt Service	1,207,600	-	-	1,207,600
81 Facilities Acq/Constr.	1,417,886	-	-	1,417,886
95 Juvenile Justice Prgm	67,328	-	-	67,328
99 Intergovernmental Chgs	484,807	-	-	484,807
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 291,830,349</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 291,830,349</b>
<b>OTHER SOURCES:</b>				
7912 Sale of Property	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7915 Operating Transfer In	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>OTHER USES:</b>				
8911 Operating Transfer Out	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL OTHER USES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ (6,156,523)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (6,156,523)</b>

# Grand Prairie ISD Board of Trustees

CREATE.  
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Information

Action

Consent

**Topic:** Waiver for Remote Homebound Instruction

**Submitted by:** Dr. Angela Herron, Chief Teaching and Learning Officer

**Approved for Transmittal:** 

**Board Meeting Date:** 9/14/2023

**Recommendation:**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the request to submit a TEA waiver for remote homebound instruction.

**Rationale:**

Remote homebound instruction refers to a student receiving individualized instruction through the General Education Homebound (GEH) program. The requirements for a special education student are as follows:

- The student's ARD committee must have determined, in a manner consistent with state and federal law, that the remote homebound instruction to be provided meets the needs of the student.
- The ARD committee must have documented that determination in the student's IEP.

**Budget Information:**

**Board Policy Reference and Compliance:**

EEH (LOCAL)

EHBA (LEGAL)

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**Topic:** Public Information Act (PIA) calendar for 2023

**Submitted by:** Dr. Melissa Kates, Legal Counsel

**Approved for Transmittal:** 

**Board Meeting Date:** 9/14/2023

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Board approve the 2023 PIA calendar as presented.

**Rationale:**

House Bill 3033 was adopted during the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Under the new law, governmental entities may designate up to 10 non-business days each calendar year. The designation is for non-business days in the District as defined under the new law.

**Budget Information:**

None

**Board Policy Reference and Compliance:**

GBAA (LEGAL) and (LOCAL)



## Schedule of Non-Business Days for 2023-2024 School Year

In addition to all state and federal holidays, including the state-designated “optional” holidays, Grand Prairie ISD’s non-business days for 2023-2024 include the following:

November 20, 2023

December 27-28, 2023

January 2-3, 2024

March 12-14, 2024

July 2-3, 2024

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Consent

**Topic:** Out-of-State Travel - School for the Highly Gifted

**Submitted by:** Traci Davis, Associate Superintendent of Academics, Innovation, and School Leadership, and  
Aniska Douglas, Executive Director of CTE

**Approved for Transmittal:** *Amelia*

**Board Meeting Date:** 9/14/2023

**Recommendation:**

The GPISD CTE Department requests that the Board approve out-of-state travel for the 2023 National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge through the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) in New York City, NY, October 2-4, 2023. The competition will be held at the Intercontinental Times Square Hotel on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. National finalist and current Dubiski 9<sup>th</sup> grader/22-23 SHG student Shannon Ramirez and Career and Technical Education NFTE teacher Andrea Cook will attend.

**Rationale:**

The NFTE National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge is the culminating annual event in which the top student-business winners in the country compete with their business plans and pitches. The SHG CTE program curriculum builds from an idea to a viable business. In April, SHG held its campus competition, in which top businesses advanced to the South Region Semifinals. In May, two winners were chosen from the South Region to compete at the national level. Shannon Ramirez, who is a 22-23 GPISD SHG student, is one of the 36 national finalists who will compete in October. Her entry, called Benchi, is a dynamic, 3-in-1 bench that is not only comfortable but also provides temporary shelter. The bench has three modes: the classic bench, the table, and the temporary shelter. The innovative bench will help pedestrians in need of a break, but it is primarily designed for the homeless.

**Budget Information:**

Local General Fund

**Board Policy Reference and Compliance:**

EHBF(LEGAL) - SPECIAL PROGRAMS: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

**SCHOOL SPONSORED TRIP REQUEST**

[See FMG (LOCAL) for Travel Requirements]

**In-State Trips**  
Form must be submitted  
**15 days** prior to trip.

**Out-of-State Trips**  
Form must be submitted  
**30 days** prior to the trip.

**DO NOT USE GRAY AREA**

School Bus  Charter Bus  Air

Overnight No  Yes  If yes, how many nights 2

Date of request:	8/21/23
Campus Name:	School for the Highly Gifted
Requested by:	Candis Jones
Contact number:	<b>CAMPUS NUMB</b> 972-343-7998
	<b>CELL NUMBER</b> 214-208-7418
Purpose of trip/Event(s) to be Attended:	Attend the National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge
Educational Relevance:	22-23 SHG 8th grader (current 9th grade Dubiski student), Shannon Ramirez, is one of 36 national winners to compete in the entrepreneurship competition.
Number of Students:	1
<b>Names of Chaperones:</b> If non teacher chaperones are attending, they MUST have background check approval prior to travel.	Andrea Cook, CTE Teacher
Funding Source:	199 13 6411 00 959 0 22 959 199 23 6411 00 959 0 22 959
Departure Date:	10/2/23
Departure Time:	AM (dependent on flight time)
Departure Location:	DFW Airport
Destination Name:	InterContinental Times Square
Destination Address: (PHYSICAL)	300 W. 44th St.
<b>CITY &amp; STATE</b>	New York City, NY
<b>ZIP CODE</b>	10036
Return Date:	10/4/23
<b>Arrival</b> Time Back to Campus:	PM (dependent on flight time)
Return Departure Pickup Location:	DFW Airport
Special Instructions:	
Transportation needed at the event?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public transportation
SPED Bus Needed?	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> # of Students _____

**FOR OFFICE USE**

Account Code:	
Estimate/Bid cost:	
Trip Number:	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <i>Candis Jones</i> 8/23/23 Principal /Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <i>[Signature]</i> 8/23/23 Area Supt. Or Program Director / Date	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <i>[Signature]</i> 8/23/23 Supt. or Asst. Supt. Of Admin/Date
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After principal approval or denial, forward a copy to the Area Superintendent  
**FINE ARTS MUST SEND TO SABRINA GARCIA FIRST FOR FA APPROVAL**

## National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge Agenda

October 2-4, 2023

InterContinental New York Times Square: 300 W. 44th St., New York, NY 10036

### Monday, October 2, 2023

Arrival Day

8 AM-2 PM Check in at the NFTE table (InterContinental New York Times Square)  
5 PM Welcome Dinner and Networking (Sunset Terrace at Chelsea Piers)

### Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Competition Day (InterContinental New York Times Square)

8 AM Continental breakfast (Gotham Park Foyer)  
8:30 AM Group and Individual Photos (Gotham Park 1)  
9 AM Morning Briefing (Gotham Park 1)  
9:30-11:30 AM Quarter-final Competition (various rooms)

- 6 Businesses per room
- Each participant has 7 minutes to present, then 3 minutes of judges Q & A

  
11:30 AM Announce Semi-finalists (Gotham Park Foyer\_  
12 PM Lunch  
1 PM Students' Semi-final briefing (Central Park)  
1:30-3:30 PM Semi-final Competition (various rooms)

- 5 or 6 Businesses per room
- Each participant has 7 minutes to present, then 3 minutes of judges Q & A

  
3:30 PM Announcement of Finalists (Central Park)  
4:30 PM 3 Winners: (Gotham Park Ballroom) Meet with NFTE staff and photographers for rehearsal  
5 PM ALL Participants: Meet NFTE staff in Gotham Park Foyer for Expo setup  
6 PM Doors open for audience and family members  
Reception & Youth Business Expo  
Evening Competition  
7:30-9:00 PM Contestants and chaperones will be seated in a special reserved section

- 3 Business present to 5 judges, with Q & A
- Final Awards announced and presented

### Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Departure Day

8 AM Optional breakfast  
11 AM Check out and departure

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Consent

**Topic:** Out-of-State Travel – Grand Prairie High School and South Grand Prairie High School

**Submitted by:** Amy Francis, Executive Director of Fine Arts

**Approved for Transmittal:** *Amy Francis*

**Board Meeting Date:** 9/14/2023

**Recommendation:**

The Administration is requesting Board approval for South Grand Prairie High School and Grand Prairie High School Ballet Folklorico dance groups to travel to Disney World in Orlando, Florida, March 24-28, 2024.

**Rationale:**

Students will have the opportunity to perform at Disney World in a professional setting in front of thousands of audience members.

**Budget Information:**

Student and Folklorico school activity account funded.

**Board Policy Reference and Compliance:**

FMG (local)

Student Travel  
6/2023

**SCHOOL SPONSORED TRIP REQUEST**  
[See FMG (LOCAL) for Travel Requirements]

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**15 days** prior to trip.

**Out-of-State Trips**  
Form must be submitted  
**30 days** prior to the trip.

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School Bus  Charter Bus  Air   
Overnight No  Yes  If yes, how many nights 4

Date of request:	8/2/2023
Campus Name:	Grand Prairie High School and SGPHS
Requested by:	Tessa Gonzales, Irae Martinez and Estela Meza-Salazar
Contact number: <b>CAMPUS NUMBER</b>	9728095711
<b>CELL NUMBER</b>	9725697881, 2142072344, and 4692036542
Purpose of trip/Event(s) to be Attended:	Students will be travelling to Florida to perform at Walt Disney World.
Educational Relevance:	TEK (3) Identify the effective use of dance elements in practice and performance.
Number of Students:	30
<b>Names</b> of Chaperones: If non teacher chaperones are attending, they MUST have background check approval prior to travel.	Tessa Gonzales
	Irae Martinez
	Estela Meza-Salazar
Funding Source:	Parent Funded
Departure Date:	May 24, 2024
Departure Time:	8:00am
Departure Location:	Dallas lovefield airpor:
Destination Name:	All Star Movies Resort
Destination Address: (PHYSICAL)	1901 W. Buena Vista Dr.
<b>CITY &amp; STATE</b>	Lake Buena Vista, FL
<b>ZIP CODE</b>	32830
Return Date:	May 28, 2024
<b>Arrival</b> Time Back to Campus:	Students will not be returning to the campus
Return Departure Pickup Location:	Dallas Lovefield Airport
Special Instructions:	
Transportation needed at the event?	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
SPED Bus Needed?	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> # of Students _____

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Principal /Date	Area Supt./Or Program Director / Date	Supt. or Asst. Supt. Of Admin/Date

**After principal approval or denial, forward a copy to the Area Superintendent**  
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Student Travel  
6/2023

**SCHOOL SPONSORED TRIP REQUEST**  
[See FMG (LOCAL) for Travel Requirements]

**In-State Trips**  
Form must be submitted  
**15 days** prior to trip.

**Out-of-State Trips**  
Form must be submitted  
**30 days** prior to the trip.

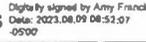
**DO NOT USE GRAY AREA**

School Bus  Charter Bus  Air   
Overnight No  Yes  If yes, how many nights 4

Date of request:	8/2/2023
Campus Name:	Grand Prairie High School and SGPHS
Requested by:	Tessa Gonzales, Irae Martinez and Estela Meza-Salazar
Contact number:	<b>CAMPUS NUMBER</b> 9728095711
	<b>CELL NUMBER</b> 9725697881, 2142072344, and 4692036542
Purpose of trip/Event(s) to be Attended:	Students will be travelling to Florida to perform at Walt Disney World.
Educational Relevance:	TEK 3 (B): Identify the effective use of dance elements in practice and performance.
Number of Students:	30
<b>Names of Chaperones:</b> If non teacher chaperones are attending, they MUST have background check approval prior to travel.	Tessa Gonzales
	Irae Martinez
	Estela Meza-Salazar
Funding Source:	Parent Funded
Departure Date:	May 24, 2024
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 /Date 8/7/23	Amy Francis  /Date 8-31-23	 /Date 8-31-23
Principal	Area Supt. Or Program Director	Supt. or Asst. Supt. Of Admin/Date

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# GPHS AND SGP BALLET FOLKLORICO

Proposed Itinerary - August 2, 2023

## Friday May 24, 2024

- TBD **Depart DALLAS (Southwest # TBD)** - Southwest will not open flights for sale until sometime over this summer. Once flights are open for sale we will book seats and confirm schedule and if any change in the fare. The fare included in this proposal is an estimate based on past groups.
- TBD **Arrive the ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** - A representative will meet you upon arrival at baggage claim and direct you to your local charter motorcoach transportation to the hotel.
- TBD **To DISNEY'S ALL-STAR MOVIES RESORT** - Your Tour Guide Will meet you at hotel to assist with check-in.
- Evening **Free Evening** - Group will have free time to enjoy the hotel or you may use the Disney Transportation System to visit Disney Springs.

## Saturday May 25, 2024

- 7:00 AM **Breakfast on Own** - Disney Dining Card (\$150 total value for trip) may be used at the hotel food court
- 8:00 AM **To UNIVERSAL ORLANDO** - Your Tour Guide will meet you at hotel to assist with transfer. Private Charter Motorcoaches will be provided. Your 1-Day / 2-Park Ticket includes admission to both Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure.
- TBD **Lunch on Own**
- TBD **DINNER in the Parks or CityWalk** - Meal Coupon Provided (\$20 Value)
- 9:30 PM **Return to Hotel** - Pick up at bus parking lot.

## Sunday May 26, 2024

- 7:00 AM **Breakfast on Own** - Disney Dining Card (\$150 total value for trip) may be used at the hotel food court
- 8:00 AM **To the WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT** - Group will use Disney Transportation to the park. Your park hopper ticket allows you admission to the Magic Kingdom Park, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios and Animal Kingdom. Theme Park Reservations will be made for the group for morning arrival. You will be able to park-hop after 2pm.
- TBD **Lunch and Dinner on Own** - Disney Dining Card (\$150 total value for trip) may be used at theme park restaurants and/o the hotel food court
- 9:30 PM **Return to Hotel** - Group will use Disney Transportation System to return to hotel.

## Monday May 27, 2024

- 7:00 AM **Breakfast on Own** - Disney Dining Card (\$150 total value for trip) may be used at the hotel food court
- 8:00 AM **To the WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT** - Group will use Disney Transportation to the park. Your park hopper ticket allows you admission to the Magic Kingdom Park, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios and Animal Kingdom. Theme Park Reservations will be made for the group for morning arrival. You will be able to park-hop after 2pm.
- TBD **Lunch and Dinner on Own** - Disney Dining Card (\$150 total value for trip) may be used at theme park restaurants and/o the hotel food court
- TBD **"DISNEY IMAGINATION CAMPUS" GUEST PERFORMANCE** - Approved
- Closing **Return to Hotel**

## Tuesday May 28, 2024

- 7:00 AM **Breakfast on Own** - Disney Dining Card (\$150 total value for trip) may be used at the hotel food court
- 7:30 AM **Check Out, Store Luggage at Hotel** - Guide to assist with check-out and luggage storage.
- 8:30 AM **To the WALT DISNEY WORLD RESORT** - Group will use Disney Transportation to the park. Your park hopper ticket allows you admission to the Magic Kingdom Park, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios and Animal Kingdom. Theme Park Reservations will be made for the group for morning arrival. You will be able to park-hop after 2pm.
- TBD **Lunch on Own** - Disney Dining Card (\$150 total value for trip) may be used at theme park restaurants
- TBD **To the ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** - Buses will depart from theme park. Guide to assist.
- TBD **Depart ORLANDO (Southwest #TBD)**
- TBD **Arrive DALLAS**

\* Itinerary Is Subject to Change \*



## GPHS and SGP BALLET FOLKLORICO

2024 DISNEY TOUR

### TOUR PACKAGE

Dates: Friday May 24 - Tuesday May 28, 2024

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4 Nights Lodging at Disney's All-Star Movies Resort, including resort fees and taxes.</li> <li>▪ Round-Trip Air Transportation Dallas to Orlando (see details below)</li> <li>▪ Round-Trip Airport Transfers in Orlando</li> <li>▪ \$150 Disney Dining Gift Card Per Person</li> <li>▪ 3-Day Disney Ticket Including Admission to the Magic Kingdom Park or Epcot or Disney's Hollywood Studios or Animal Kingdom Theme Parks (No Park Hopping)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 Disney Imagination Campus Performance with necessary motorcoach transfers</li> <li>▪ 1-Day / 2-Park Ticket to Universal Orlando, includes admission to both Universal Studios and Islands of Adventures as well as round-trip transfers.</li> <li>▪ \$20 Universal Dining Gift Card</li> <li>▪ Tour Guide Services in Orlando</li> <li>▪ \$2,000,000.00 Liability Insurance Coverage</li> <li>▪ All Attraction and Hotel Taxes</li> </ul> |
|---|--|

	STUDENT (Quad)	ADULT (Double)
Disney's All-Star Resort:	\$1639 Per Student	\$1779 Per Adult

- Rates are per person and include air transportation to Orlando.
- Air transportation is included in your per person tour package at an estimated cost based on past group's travel fares. Airfare and itinerary will not be confirmed until we are able to book which will not be until mid-summer. Once confirmed your itinerary and invoice will be adjusted based on actual confirmed fare. Air fare includes current ticketing fees, federal excise tax, airport passenger facility charges and fuel charges. Fare does not include any applicable checked bag fees.
- Disney no longer offers complimentary Magic Bands.
- Group will have access to use the My Disney Experience App to link tickets. Minors will have limited access to use of Genie and Magic Mobile.
- Group must be paid in full before we are able to place the group ticket order. This must be completed 90 days prior to arrival in order to insure the group will be able to make theme park reservations.
- Students are required to stay Quad Occupancy and Adults Double Occupancy.

### PAYMENT DUE DATES

- |                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>August 15, 2023:</b>   | 1. <b>Completed Reservation Form</b> (invoice & payment instructions will be emailed)         |
| <b>October 1, 2023:</b>   | 1. <b>\$250 Per Person Tour Deposit</b>   |
| <b>December 1, 2023:</b>  | 1. <b>\$750 Per Person Additional Deposit</b>   |
| <b>February 15, 2024:</b> | 1. <b>Final Balance</b> (needed from all travelers, in order to place the group ticket order) |

Reservations are not confirmed until both the reservation form and deposit are received in our office. We accept checks, credit card and Zelle forms of payments. Checks payable to **Champion Tours & Events, 1007 N. Federal Hwy #2008, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33304**. Credit Card Payments will incur a 4% convenience fee. Zelle payments have no fee. Once you have submitted your reservation form an invoice with payment instructions will be emailed.

**After November 1, 2023**, all payments are 100% Non-Refundable. Any reservation not paid in full by **December 1, 2023** may be automatically cancelled. By submitting reservation form and payment you acknowledge that you understand the cancellation policy.

Failure to comply with the payment schedule may result in automatic cancellation of travel package reservations and performance. There is a \$30 fee for returned checks.

# Grand Prairie ISD Board of Trustees

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**Topic:** Out-of-State Travel – Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy

**Submitted by:** Amy Francis, Executive Director of Fine Arts

**Approved for Transmittal:** 

**Board Meeting Date:** 9/14/2024

**Recommendation:**

The Administration is requesting Board approval for Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy Theatre students and their directors to travel to Los Angeles, CA February 15-18, 2024.

**Rationale:**

Students will attend classes and workshops to work with industry professionals.

**Budget Information:**

Student and Guild funded (Booster Club)

**Board Policy Reference and Compliance:**

FMG (LOCAL)

Student Travel  
10/2018

**SCHOOL SPONSORED TRIP REQUEST**

[See FMG (LOCAL) for Travel Requirements]

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Form must be submitted  
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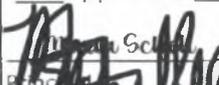
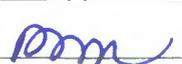
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School Bus  Charter Bus  Air ✖  
Overnight No  Yes ✖ yes, how many nights 4 NIGT

Date of request:	8/14/2023
Campus Name:	GRAND PRAIRIE FINE ARTS ACADEMY
Requested by:	JENNY BISHOP
Contact number:	<b>CAMPUS NUMBER</b> 16329
	<b>CELL NUMBER</b> 818-512-0079
Purpose of trip/Event(s) to be Attended:	PROFESSIONAL CLASSES, BEHIND THE SCENES EXPERIENCES WITH WORKING IND
Educational Relevance:	STUDENTS WILL MAKE PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS AS WELL AS WORK WITH IND PROFESSIONALS
Number of Students:	28
<b>Names</b> of Chaperones: If non teacher chaperones are attending, they MUST have background check approval prior to travel.	JENNY BISHOP
	BROOKE POTTS
	ROBERT CLARK
	ADMIN TBD
Funding Source:	STUDENT/GPFAA THEATRE
Departure Date:	2/15/2024
Departure Time:	6AM (TBD BY FLIGHT)
Departure Location:	DFW AIRPORT
Destination Name:	LAX (LOS ANGELES)
Destination Address: (PHYSICAL)	BEST WESTERN HOTEL SHERMAN OAKS
	<b>CITY &amp; STATE</b> 5525 SEPULVEDA BLVD SHERMAN OAKS
	<b>ZIP CODE</b> 91411
Return Date:	18-Feb
<b>Arrival</b> Time Back to Campus:	TBD BY FLIGHT
Return Departure Pickup Location:	
Special Instructions:	
Transportation needed at the event?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes ✖
SPED Bus Needed?	No ✖ Yes <input type="checkbox"/> # of Students _____

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Area principal approval or denial, forward a copy to the Area Superintendent

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**GPFAA Theatre**  
**Los Angeles Trip**  
**SAMPLE ITINERARY as things are not booked yet**

Chaperones: Jenny Bishop, Brooke Potts, Robert Clark, Admin TBD

Thursday, February 15:

5am-Meet Dallas Love Field for Flight to LAX

546 Depart **DALLAS (LOVE FIELD), TX** (DAL) on Southwest Airlines at **06:25 AM**  
Arrive in **LOS ANGELES, CA** (LAX) at **07:50 AM**  
Travel Time 3 hrs 25 mins

11:30AM-Lunch at Warner Bros Studio Tour Café

12:30AM-Tours departs on 3 trams; Warner Bros Studio Tour-Burbank

4:00PM -Check in to Hotel

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-details.05595.html?iata=00170260&ssob=PSPBM0304G&cid=PSPBM0304G:google:PBMS3|BestWestern|Exact:bestwesterncarriageinnshermanoaks](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-details.05595.html?iata=00170260&ssob=PSPBM0304G&cid=PSPBM0304G:google:PBMS3|BestWestern|Exact:bestwesterncarriageinnshermanoaks)

5:00PM Dinner and prep for class

7PM-Acting Class with Nancy Banks at Sacred Fools Theatre in Hollywood  
(<http://nancybanksstudio.com/index.htm>)

Actors will do their 5-6 minute scenes; bring props and costumes. You will have set pieces provided: couch, table, coffee table, desk

**\*\*you do not need to wear your costume to the theatre, you can change there\*\***

Friday, February 16:

9AM- Tech tour at Harman International Industries in Northridge, **\*\*lunch at Harman**

11:45AM- TRAVEL TO MALIBU

1PM- College visit at Pepperdine, tour, classes, and technical tour

4PM- Malibu sightseeing and beach visit if not raining

8PM-SUSHI DINNER at Asakuma Rice

Saturday, February 17:

10AM- Performance showcase with Casting Directors, Agents, Managers and Producers at Your Studio Productions (<http://yourstudioproductions.com/>)

\*actors bring headshots and resumes, you will do your 2 min scenes or monologues

\*technicians will travel with Fetter and Lopez to Wooden Nickel for some techie browsing

12:30PM Lunch at Studio (provided by GPFAA)

1:30PM- Casting/Producing/Social Media Workshop (Casting Director, Jeremy Gordon)

4PM- Sightseeing in Hollywood if time

8PM-Dinner TBD

Sunday, February 18:

AM- Sightseeing

3PM- Depart for Airport/Return Rentals

4696 Depart **LOS ANGELES, CA** (LAX) on Southwest Airlines at **5:45 PM**

Arrive in **DALLAS (LOVE FIELD), TX** (DAL) at **10:40 PM**

Travel Time 2 hrs 55 mins.

We will make a trip to Target for breakfast items and snacks. There are refrigerators in each room. Students will be 3-4 to a room and will be taped in for safety as the hotel has exterior entrance doors. The area is safe, however we will take precautions. Meals will be as inexpensive as possible but please allow \$30-\$40 a day to be safe.

Packing Suggestions...

Sunscreen

Hat

Walking shoes

Sunglasses

Rain coat

Clothes for nice spring to chilly weather

A book or something for the plane

Props for scenes

Headshots and resumes

Charger

Toiletries

And anything you absolutely cannot do without for 4 days

Rules for Airplane:

If you are using checked baggage you don't have to worry about liquids etc.

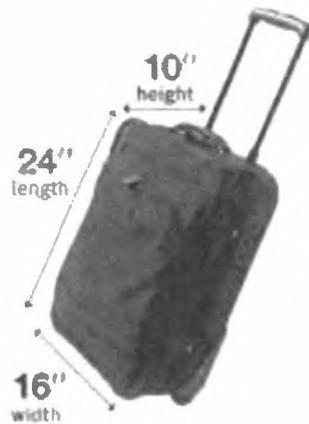
Carry-on luggage: liquids and gels must be smaller than 3.2oz and fit in a quart-sized ziplock bag. Make sure it is easily accessible for security.

**Everyone must have some form of photo ID. If you are 18 and over it needs to be State Issued.**

### Luggage Requirements

Students are allowed **one** carry on size rolling suitcase and a personal item (backpack or tote bag). Students may check his/her suitcase, however, it still must be within the size limitations because of space in our vehicles.

UPDATED SCHEDULE INCLUDES A DAY AT UNIVERSAL STUDIOS HOLLYWOOD



**If your child is carrying on his/her suitcase, please be sure to follow the size limitations below:**

- Each passenger is permitted to bring one quart-sized bag of liquids, aerosols, gels, creams and pastes in your carryon bag and through the TSA security checkpoint. These are limited to 3.4 ounces (100 milliliters) or less per item. During screening, you'll be required to place these items in the small bag separate from your carryon baggage unless you have been selected for TSA PreCheck expedited screening, in which case you may be exempt from removing your liquids during the screening process.
- Any liquid, aerosol, gel, cream or paste that alarms during screening will require additional screening.
- Southwest Airlines currently prohibits self-defense sprays on any flight regardless if it is checked or carried on.

Please see the TSA's web site for a list of [prohibited carryon items](#).

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**Topic:** Out-of-State Travel - Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy

**Submitted by:** Amy Francis, Executive Director of Fine Arts

**Approved for Transmittal:** 

**Board Meeting Date:** 9/14/2024

**Recommendation:**

The Administration is requesting Board approval for Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy Choir students and directors to travel to Denver, CO, February 27-March 4, 2024.

**Rationale:**

The GPFAA choir has been selected to perform at the Southwestern American Choral Directors Association conference.

**Budget Information:**

Combined fundraising and local funds allocated for advancing students.

**Board Policy Reference and Compliance:**

FMG (LOCAL)

**In-State Trips**  
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**15 days** prior to trip.

**Out-of-State Trips**  
Form must be submitted  
**30 days** prior to the trip.

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Overnight- Yes If y X

Date of request:	7/27/2023
Campus Name:	GPFAA
<b>CELL NUMBER</b>	469-463-4422
Requested by:	Joel Duarte
Contact number: <b>CAMPUS NUMBER</b>	972-237-5603
Purpose of trip/Event(s) to be Attended:	2024 SWACDA National Conference/Honor Choir members
Educational Relevance:	The GPFAA choir has been selected to perform for the Southwestern American Choral Director Association conference as an invitational choir. With well over 100 applications from all seven states in our region, the competition was stiff, and our choir was selected as one of the groups to represent our region at our regional
Number of Students:	58
Names of Chaperones: If non teacher chaperones are attending, they MUST have background check approval prior to travel.	Alexis Galindo
	Hee-Sook Kim
	Karen Gay
	Rebecca Dark
	Melissa Sky-Eagle
Funding Source:	GPISD Fine Arts & Vocal Music Guild
Departure Date:	2/27/2024
Departure Time:	5:00 AM
Departure Location:	GPFAA
Destination Name:	2024 SWACDA National Conference
Destination Address: (PHYSICAL)	
<b>CITY &amp; STATE</b>	Denver, CO
<b>ZIP CODE</b>	45202
Return Date:	3/4/2024
<b>Arrival</b> Time Back to Campus:	8:00 PM
Return Departure Pickup Location:	GPFAA
Special Instructions:	
Transportation needed at the event?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
SPED Bus Needed?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> # of Students _____

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Estimate/Bid cost:	
Trip Number:	

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June 30, 2023

Dear Joel Duarte,

On behalf of the Southwestern ACDA Region, and after your successful audition, I am pleased to invite the Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy Treble Singers to perform in concert at the 2024 SWACDA #Limitless Conference! Performances will be at the Buell Theatre at the Denver Performing Arts Center in Denver, CO. This incredible accomplishment is a testament to the outstanding quality of music-making your choral program has consistently demonstrated.

We will inform you of your scheduled performance time in the near future. Your allotted performance currently consists of twenty-five minutes of music, which should include both applause and transitions between pieces. Prior to the performance, you will have a thirty-minute dress rehearsal on the Buell Stage, taking place within the two hours before the actual performance. Additionally, there will be two thirty-minute warm-up times, one before the rehearsal and one before the performance. A SWACDA representative will provide an introduction before you take the stage for your concert using the materials you submitted in your application.

Please confirm with me your acceptance of this invitation by Monday, July 10, 2023. We respectfully ask that you wait to share this news until SWACDA has publicly announced the full slate of performing choirs and interest session presenters. An email will notify you when you may publicly announce this achievement.

In addition to performances, we ask each auditioned choir to participate in a project we are launching this year called #LimitlessGenerosity. For this outreach initiative, we ask that selected ensembles engage in a project to benefit the Denver community (e.g., bringing blankets, canned goods, etc.). Dr. Jonathan Palant will contact you regarding the details of this project.

Please let me know if you have any further questions about your performance. I can be reached via email at [jeffreym@uark.edu](mailto:jeffreym@uark.edu) or by phone at 901-486-5501.

Again, congratulations on this significant accomplishment!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Allen Murdock, PhD  
President, Southwestern ACDA

*Itinerary: Southwestern American  
Choral Directors Association  
Conference/ Honor Choir members  
(tentative)*

**Tuesday, Feb 27, 2024**

7:00 am - Leave GPFAA on coach

7:30- 8:00 am- Breakfast on the road

11:00 am-12:00 pm-Lunch on the road

3:00 pm-4:00 pm-Check in Hotel- Amarillo TX

5:00-6:30 pm- Dinner

7:00 pm-8:30 pm -Back to Hotel

10:00 pm - Room check, tape doors, lights out

**Wednesday, Feb 28, 2024**

6:00 am- Leave Hotel- Amarillo

7:30- 8:00 am- Breakfast at hotel

11:00 am-12:00 pm-Lunch on the road

3:00 pm-4:00 pm-Check in Hotel- Denver, Colorado

5:00-6:30 pm- Dinner

7:00 pm-8:30 pm -Back to Hotel

10:00 pm - Room check, tape doors, lights out

**Thursday, Feb 29, 2024**

8:00 am -Wake Up Call, go down for breakfast. Staggered breakfast time.

9:00 am-4:00 pm- TBD on schedule. This will be determined by our performance time.

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm- Dinner

7:00 pm - 8:45 pm - Back to Hotel

10:00 pm- Room Check, tape doors, Lights Out

**Friday, March 1 , 2024 (Depending on performance schedule)**

8:00 am -Wake Up Call, go down for breakfast. Staggered breakfast time.

9:00 am-4:00 pm- TBD on schedule. This will be determined by our performance time.

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm- Dinner

7:00 pm - 8:45 pm - Back to Hotel

10:00 pm- Room Check, tape doors, Lights Out

**Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 (Depending on performance schedule)**

7:00 am- 8:00 am Wake Up Call,  
Breakfast

9:00 am-4:00 pm- TBD on schedule. This will be determined by our performance time.

12:00 pm -1:00 pm (Lunch on the Road)

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5:00 pm- 5:30 pm (Dinner on the Road)

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm- 9th-12th Grade Honor Choirs  
Concert

7:30 pm - 8:00 pm - Back to Hotel

10:00 pm- Room Check, tape doors, Lights Out

**Sunday, March 3rd, 2024**

8:00 am - 8:45 am -Wake Up Call/Breakfast/load  
the Coach.

9:00 am - Depart

1:00 pm -12:00 pm (Lunch on the Road)

3:00 pm- 4:00 pm-Check in Hotel- Amarillo TX

5:00 pm- 5:30 pm Dinner

10:00 pm - Room check, tape doors, lights out

**Monday, March 4th, 2024**

8:00 am - 8:45 am -Wake Up Call/Breakfast/load  
the Coach.

9:00 am - Depart

1:00 pm -12:00 pm (Lunch on the Road)

3:00 pm- 4:00 pm-Arrive to GPFAA

# Grand Prairie ISD Board of Trustees

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**Topic:** 2023-2024 District and Campus Improvement Plans Goals and Performance Objectives

**Submitted by:** Dr. Dana Jackson, Associate Superintendent of Student Support Services

**Approved for Transmittal:** 

**Board Meeting Date:** 9/14/2023

**Recommendation:**

The proposed 2023-2024 District and Campus Improvement Plans goals and performance objectives will be presented to the Board.

**Rationale:**

Goals and performance objectives for the 2023-2024 District and Campus Improvement Plans are provided for review. The District Improvement Plan performance objectives are based on five goals that incorporate District programs as well as state and federal requirements. Campus Improvement Plans utilize the same goals and performance objectives as the District Improvement Plan.

The proposed goals and performance objectives have been presented to the District's Education Improvement Council (EIC) for feedback and recommendations. Administration will be requesting approval of the District and Campus Improvement Plans goals and performance objectives.

**Budget Information:**

Local and Federal Funds

**Board Policy Reference and Compliance:**

BQ (LEGAL)

BQ (LOCAL)

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Consent

**Topic:** District of Innovation

**Submitted by:** Dr. Melissa Kates, General Counsel

**Approved for Transmittal:** *Amalini*

**Board Meeting Date:** 9/14/2023

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Board approve the four DOI amendments as presented.

**Rationale:**

The DEIC Committee has approved the four DOI amendments. These amendments are now presented to the Board for approval.

**Budget Information:**

None

**Board Policy Reference and Compliance:**

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**Topic:** Review of Board Agenda Calendar

**Submitted by:** Linda Ellis, Superintendent of Schools

**Approved for Transmittal:** *Judith*

**Board Meeting Date:** 9/14/2023

**Recommendation:**

The Board Agenda Calendar is presented for your review for revisions or additions.

**Rationale:**

**Budget Information:**

N/A

**Board Policy Reference and Compliance:**

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September 2023

<b>Planning/ Evaluation</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Budget Amendment #1</li> </ol>
<b>Team Development</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board Team of 8 Training/Annual Goal Setting</li> </ol>
<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Other</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. National Hispanic Heritage Month</li> </ol>
<b>District Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Football season begins</li> <li>2. Labor Day Holiday: September 4, 2023</li> </ol>
<b>Other Board Related Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TASA/TASB Convention: September 29, 2023-October 1, 2023</li> </ol>

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October 2023

<b>Planning/ Evaluation</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Team Development</b>	
<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Other</b>	
<b>District Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Indigenous Peoples' Day: October 9, 2023</li><li>2. Education Foundation Golf Tournament: October 13, 2023</li></ol>
<b>Other Board Related Events</b>	

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November 2023

<b>Planning/ Evaluation</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Team Development</b>	
<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Other</b>	
<b>District Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Thanksgiving Break: November 20-24, 2023</li><li>2. YES Conference</li></ol>
<b>Other Board Related Events</b>	

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December 2023

<b>Planning/ Evaluation</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Team Development</b>	
<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Other</b>	
<b>District Events</b>	1. Winter Break: December 21, 2023-January 5, 2024
<b>Other Board Related Events</b>	

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January 2024

<b>Planning/ Evaluation</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>	1. Evaluation of Superintendent/Superintendent's Contract
<b>Budget</b>	1. Approve Audit Report
<b>Team Development</b>	
<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Other</b>	1. Adoption of Election Order
<b>District Events</b>	1. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: January 15, 2024
<b>Other Board Related Events</b>	1. School Board Recognition Month

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**February 2024**

<b>Planning/ Evaluation</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance Zones</li> <li>Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) Public Hearing</li> </ol>
<b>Personnel</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrator Contract Recommendations</li> </ol>
<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Team Development</b>	
<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Other</b>	
<b>District Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bad Weather Make-Up Day: February 19, 2024</li> </ol>
<b>Other Board Related Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soup's on for Love</li> <li>TASA/TASB Legislative Conference</li> </ol>

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March 2024

<b>Planning/ Evaluation</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Non-Administrator Contract Recommendations and Proposed Non-renewals/ Terminations</li> </ol>
<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Team Development</b>	
<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Other</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dolores C. Huerta and Cesar E. Chavez Day: March 25, 2024</li> <li>2. Good Friday Holiday: March 29, 2024</li> </ol>
<b>District Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GPISD Experience</li> <li>2. Texas Public Schools Week</li> <li>3. Spring Break: March 11-March 15, 2024</li> </ol>
<b>Other Board Related Events</b>	

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April 2024

<b>Planning/ Evaluation</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Administrator Contract Recommendations</li> <li>2. Non-Administrator Contract Recommendations and Proposed Non-renewals; Terminations</li> </ol>
<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Team Development</b>	
<b>Policy</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investment Policy and Strategy Review and Approval</li> </ol>
<b>Other</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Holiday/Bad Weather Make-Up Day: April 1, 2024</li> </ol>
<b>District Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Service Awards Banquet and Retiree Recognition</li> </ol>
<b>Other Board Related Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Announce Board Member Training Credits</li> </ol>

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May 2024

<b>Planning/ Evaluation</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Team Development</b>	
<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Other</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Canvass School Board Election (called meeting)</li> <li>2. Cinco de Mayo: May 5, 2024</li> <li>3. Memorial Day Holiday: May 27, 2024</li> <li>4. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month</li> </ol>
<b>District Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GPISD Graduations</li> </ol>
<b>Other Board Related Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School Board Election</li> </ol>

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June 2024

<b>Planning/          Evaluation</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Team          Development</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New Board Member Orientation</li> </ol>
<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Other</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reorganization of Board</li> <li>2. Juneteenth: June 19, 2024</li> </ol>
<b>District          Events</b>	
<b>Other Board          Related          Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. TASB Post-Legislative Conference</li> <li>2. TASB Summer Leadership Institute</li> </ol>

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July 2024

<b>Planning/ Evaluation</b>	1. Approve Hazardous Bus Routes
<b>Personnel</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	1. Review Draft of Budget
<b>Team Development</b>	
<b>Policy</b>	
<b>Other</b>	
<b>District Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mandatory GPISD Closing</li> <li>2. Independence Day Observed</li> </ol>
<b>Other Board Related Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve Board Participation in TASA/TASB Annual Convention</li> <li>2. Approve Board Delegate and Alternate to TASB Delegate Assembly</li> <li>3. Texas Institute for School Boards Center for Reformed School Systems Training (CRSS)</li> </ol>

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August 2024

<b>Planning/          Evaluation</b>	
<b>Personnel</b>	
<b>Budget</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public Hearing for New Fiscal Year Budget</li> <li>2. Approval of New Fiscal Year Budget</li> <li>3. Order Establishing Tax Rate and Levying/Assessing Ad Valorem Taxes</li> <li>4. Budget Workshop</li> <li>5. Final Budget Amendment for Current Year</li> </ol>
<b>Team          Development</b>	
<b>Policy</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Student Code of Conduct</li> </ol>
<b>Other</b>	
<b>District          Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Convocation</li> <li>2. Summer Graduation</li> <li>3. First Day of School</li> </ol>
<b>Other Board          Related          Events</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Virtual Summer School for Trustees</li> <li>2. MASBA: September 14-16, 2024</li> </ol>