



Gregory-Portland Independent School District

BOARD MEMORANDUM

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DATE: Monday, May 18, 2026

SUBJECT: Discuss and Take Possible Action for Updates to Board Policy CH
(LOCAL)

PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 4: EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE DISTRICT AND CAMPUS OPERATIONS

4.1 Annually improve operational processes

4.2 Maintain fiscal viability; stewardship; and improve staff knowledge of sustainable budgeting processes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Type: Action

The 89th Texas Legislature approved Senate Bill 1173, which increased the formal competitive purchasing threshold for Texas school districts from \$50,000 to \$100,000. This legislative change became effective September 1, 2025, and was subsequently incorporated into TASB Policy Update 126 under CH(LEGAL), as the update reflected changes made directly to Texas law.

In Fall 2025, the Board approved TASB Policy Update 126, which included the updated legal policy language reflecting the new statutory purchasing threshold. The purpose of the action

item being presented today is to formally update CH(LOCAL) so that the district's local board policy aligns with the already-updated legal policy provisions under CH(LEGAL). This action is primarily for consistency, transparency, and governance formality purposes.

The Legislature's intent behind increasing the threshold was to modernize procurement laws in response to inflation and rising costs of goods, services, equipment, and construction, while also reducing administrative burdens and providing school districts with greater operational flexibility.

Under the updated law:

- Purchases under \$100,000 are no longer required by state law to utilize formal competitive procurement methods such as sealed bids, CSPs, or RFPs.
- Purchases of \$100,000 or more must still comply with formal competitive procurement requirements under Texas Education Code 44.031.

It is important to note that this policy update does not change the district's commitment to strong internal controls, financial oversight, or responsible purchasing practices. District purchasing and procurement procedures will continue to operate with the same level of review, accountability, and administrative controls currently in place. Additionally, all applicable federal procurement requirements and grant-related purchasing standards will continue to be followed where required.

In summary, the board action requested today is to approve the local policy update to align with changes already made in state law and previously acknowledged through TASB Policy Update 126, while maintaining the district's existing purchasing oversight and internal control practices.

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of the update to CH(LOCAL) policy to align with changes reflected in CH(LEGAL) under TASB Policy Update 126, while maintaining the district's existing purchasing procedures, internal controls, and procurement oversight practices.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AMOUNT AND FUNDING SOURCE (IF APPLICABLE):

N/A

BOARD RELATED POLICY:

CH (LEGAL) (LOCAL)

ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

That the Board make a motion to approve the update to CH(LOCAL) policy to align with changes reflected in CH(LEGAL) under TASB Policy Update 126, as presented by administration.