



The Blueprint of Stewardship

Aligning Board Policy
CH(LOCAL) with State Law

**A Formal Recommendation to the
G-PISD Board of Trustees**



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Executive Summary: Aligning Policy, Maintaining Oversight



The Mandate

Senate Bill 1173 increases the formal procurement threshold from **\$50,000 to \$100,000**.



The Data

A 3-year review proves G-PISD already operates at **100% compliance** via competitive bids and cooperatives.



The Controls

Unwavering monthly reporting and oversight mechanisms remain completely unchanged.



The Action

Approve CH(LOCAL) revision to match CH(LEGAL) for operational efficiency.

The Catalyst: Legislative Intent



**Senate Bill 1173 & Texas
Education Code §44.031**

Effective Date: September 1, 2025
89th Texas Legislative Session

Inflationary Adjustment

Modernizing procurement laws to reflect the rising costs of goods, equipment, and construction.

Operational Efficiency

Accelerating timelines for routine, non-discretionary operational needs.

Administrative Relief

Reducing bureaucratic friction for school districts without sacrificing competitive pricing.

Policy Shift Matrix: The \$50k to \$100k Threshold

The Shift: The statutory threshold for formal competitive procurement (sealed bids, RFPs, CSPs) increases from \$50,000 to \$100,000.



What This Does NOT Mean

This is NOT an expansion of purchasing authority or autonomy for the Superintendent or administration. District purchasing procedures, required approvals, and best-value requirements remain identical.



What This Means

Local policy must align with state statutes to prevent administrative gridlock and ensure federal EDGAR (2 CFR Part 200) consistency. Purchases over \$100,000 still require formal competitive methods.

Data-Driven Readiness: The 3-Year Purchasing Review



**100%
Compliance**

The Test

The Finance Office conducted a 3-year historical review of all G-PISD purchases between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

The Insight

Every single purchase in this proposed new threshold gap was already competitively bid or purchased through a Board-approved cooperative program. The policy revision will simply align the rulebook with our standard, compliant practice.

Where the Dollars Go: Top 3 Purchasing Themes

Technology & Software



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Microsoft 365,
Chromebooks, network
infrastructure, NWEA

Takeaway: Recurring, time-sensitive renewals procured via DIR or cooperatives

Curriculum & Instruction



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ELAR/Math/Science
materials, P-TECH & CTE
supplies

Takeaway: Direct student impact, sourced from established publishers with pre-negotiated cooperative pricing

Facilities & Operations



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Maintenance vehicles,
HVAC, parking lot striping,
security systems

Takeaway: Essential infrastructure supporting construction and safety timelines

Cooperative Purchasing: Our Standard Practice

These cooperatives have already completed the rigorous competitive solicitation, vetting, and approval process required for governmental purchasing.



Takeaway: The district routinely utilizes these pre-vetted contracts regardless of statutory thresholds, ensuring the best value for taxpayers on every transaction.

The Aggregate Safeguard: 12-Month Tracking



The Rule: Texas procurement thresholds apply to the aggregate amount spent with a vendor during a 12-month period, not individual transactions. Internal systems track and catch these aggregates.

Pillars of Oversight: G-PISD's Unwavering Controls

Total Financial Transparency

Pillar 1: The Monthly Check Register

The Board receives a line-by-line accounting of every single expenditure processed during the previous month. No exceptions.

Pillar 2: The \$25,000 Transparency Report

Included in the Board Extras packet, detailing all purchases over \$25k. Crucial Context: The district maintained this \$25k reporting practice even when the state threshold increased to \$50k in 2009.

Pillar 3: Unchanged Internal Approvals

Strict internal routing (Purchasing Clerk > Coordinator > Asst. Superintendent > Superintendent) remains fully enforced.

Recognized Excellence in Stewardship



Texas Comptroller Transparency Star for Procurement

Recognizing local governments that exceed transparency standards and provide clear, meaningful financial information to taxpayers.



TASBO Purchasing Award of Merit

Acknowledging school districts that follow professional standards in the acquisition of goods and services.

Bottom Line: The systems managing the proposed \$100,000 threshold are rigorously tested, externally audited, and officially recognized as best-in-class.

The True Impact: Efficiency Without Compromise

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Alignment with Priority 4:
Efficient and Effective
District Operations.

[Statutory
Alignment]



[Unwavering
Controls]



[Operational
Excellence]

The Synthesis: Waiting for monthly Board cycles for routine \$60k-\$90k operational purchases can delay manufacturing lead times, construction schedules, and tech deployments.

The Result: By aligning CH(LOCAL) with state law, G-PISD eliminates administrative bottlenecks, protects project timelines, and maintains absolute financial transparency.

Formal Recommendation

Action Requested

Administration recommends approval of the update to CH(LOCAL) policy to align with changes reflected in CH(LEGAL) under TASB Policy Update 126.

Commitment

This alignment is made with the explicit guarantee of maintaining the district's existing purchasing procedures, internal controls, and procurement oversight practices.

Suggested Motion

I move that the Board approve the update to CH(LOCAL) policy to align with changes reflected in CH(LEGAL) under TASB Policy Update 126, as presented by administration.