

Graham Independent School District Board Agenda Item Synopsis

Subject: Community Resources Transition Expo Update and Special Olympics Update

Background Information:

Trustees will receive an update on the Graham ISD Community Resources Expo & Career Fair and on Special Olympics.

Graham ISD held the Graham ISD Community Resources Expo & Career Fair in the GHS Gym on Wednesday, March 25th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event was coordinated by Dr. Kristina Martin, Graham ISD Special Education Coordinator & Transition and Employment Designee. This year's event saw impressive attendance, with 468 GHS students, 38 agencies, and one community visitor participating. Many students shared positive feedback, highlighting the valuable knowledge they gained. Additionally, several agencies praised the students from GHS for their involvement.

Special Olympics Basketball was held on Saturday, March 7th and trustees will hear a recap of this well-attended event. We are looking forward to attending Special Olympics Track and Field in City View on April 18th.

Administrative Consideration:

Transition services are a coordinated set of activities designed to help the child move from school to post-school activities. In Texas, transition activities for special education students, starting at age 14, should focus on post-secondary goals in education/training, employment, and independent living, and may include career exploration, community experiences, and support services.

Budgetary Impact:

None

Alignment to District Goals:

- 1. **Academics:** All students will be prepared for success at the next level.
- 2. **Our People:** Recruit and retain highly qualified employees at all levels.
- 3. **Finance and Facilities:**
 - Optimize revenues and impact student achievement by increasing attendance rates at all campuses.
 - Commit to excellence in facilities that promote innovative, health, and welcoming learning environments.
- 4. **Culture:** All stakeholders will take ownership in creating a welcoming, compassionate, unified school community striving for aspirational achievements.
- 5. **Safety:** Provide a safe, healthy and secure environment for all stakeholders.
- 6. **Communications:** Support student success through clear, consistent, and inclusive communication and marketing that builds trust, reflects our diverse community, and empowers all stakeholders.

Recommendation:

Information Only.

Meeting Date:

April 8, 2026