



## Gregory-Portland Independent School District

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### BOARD MEMORANDUM

TO: DR. MICHELLE CAVAZOS

FROM: DR. ISMAEL GONZALEZ III

CC: BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PENNY ARMSTRONG  
DR. MICHAEL NORRIS  
DR. WILLIAM STOUT  
DEBORAH GARZA

DATE: Monday, July 27, 2026

SUBJECT: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT ANNUAL AUDIT CONTRACT  
EXTENSION

#### 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

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

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Type: Consent

"The board shall have its district fiscal accounts audited annually at district expense by a certified or public accountant holding a permit from the State Board of Public Accountancy. ...The district must hire at its own expense an independent auditor to conduct an independent audit of its financial statements and provide an opinion on its annual financial and compliance report." CFC(LEGAL)

On June 19, 2023, the board awarded RFQ#2223-06 Annual Financial Audit Services to Gowland, Morales & Smith PLLC, and subsequently approved a contract with the firm for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 with possible annual renewals through Fiscal Year 2027-2028 (a period of five years).

### RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends that the Board authorize the Superintendent to execute the audit engagement letter to extend the Independent Annual Audit Contract with Gowland, Morales, and Smith PLLC for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, year four (4) of the five (5) year contract period.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The estimated cost of \$70,000 includes the audit, GASB compliance reporting, preparation and submission to Federal Audit Clearing House (FAC), audit data submission to TEAL, and preparation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Other significant pronouncements or changes will be billable at the current rates of \$180/hr for partner and \$110-\$165/hr for staff.

### BOARD RELATED POLICY:

CFC(LEGAL)

### ACTION ITEM SUGGESTED MOTION (if applicable):

N/A