



SANTA MARIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Workshop of the Board of Trustees of the Board of Trustees
Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6:00 PM

Notice is hereby given that a Workshop of the Board of Trustees of the Board of Trustees of Santa Maria Independent School District will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 6:00 PM. This meeting will be held at the Santa Maria ISD Board Room, 11119 Military Road, Santa Maria, TX 78592.

The Santa Maria Independent School District offers reasonable accommodations for persons accessing its school facilities, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require special accommodations, please contact Ida Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, at (956) 565-6308 for assistance.

No action will be taken by the Board of Trustees during this workshop.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Establish Quorum**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Open Forum**

The Board shall allot no more than 30 minutes to hear persons who desire to make comments to the Board. However, no one presentation shall exceed three minutes. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. At regular Board meetings, a person may speak on any topic, regardless of whether the topic is an item on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. At all other Board meetings, the topics for discussion are limited to only agenda items. Specific factual information or recitation of existing policy may be furnished in response to inquiries, but the Board shall not deliberate or decide regarding any subject that is not included on the agenda posted with notice of the meeting. The presiding officer or designee shall determine whether a person addressing the Board has attempted to solve a matter administratively through resolution channels established by policy.

5. **Financial and Operational Efficiency**
 - A. South Texas School Board Association Presentation
6. **Every Student, Every Way**
 - A. R-PEP Update Presentation
 - B. Texas Strategic Leadership Update Presentation
 - C. Presentation and discussion related to Policy EHDC — Alternative methods for earning credit.
7. **Student Travel**

Every Student, Every Way

 - A. Discussion regarding overnight student travel to attend the RGV LEAD Young Leaders Summit in Austin, Texas, from January 29 - January 30, 2026.
8. **Adjournment**

This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on January 8, 2026.

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It is the policy of Santa Maria ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap, in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation act of 1973, as amended.

“An Equal Opportunity Employer”

Javier E. Jimenez, Jr.
Board President

Joseph R. Villarreal, ED. D.
Superintendent of Schools

This notice has been publicly posted at the administrative offices of the Santa Maria Independent School District, 11119 Military Rd., Cameron County, Santa Maria, Texas, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the above mentioned meeting, as required by the following sections of the Texas Government Code: 551.071 through 551.084. During the regular school year, this notice is also posted in all schools in the District. The school district also posts its board meeting agendas on the District's internet web site (www.smisd.net)

Consent Agenda: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Trustees and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on a specific item(s), that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Board of Trustees

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