



**Agenda of Budget Workshop and Regular
Meeting
SCHOOL BOARD
LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

A Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting of the School Board of **LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** will be held on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM**, in the Staff Development Center Board Room at Nellie Schunior Administration Building, 200 W. Expwy 83, La Joya, TX 78560. A quorum of the Board and the presiding officer will be present at this location. Any Board members participating by videoconference will be in accordance with Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code.

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - (Other)**
- 2. ROLL CALL & DECLARE QUORUM - (Other)**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, *Julian Alvarez III, School Board President - (Other)***
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - (Synergy and Teamwork)**
- 5. STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION(S) - (Vision and Goals)**
 - 5.1. Recognition of Valedictorians and Salutatorians - La Joya ISD High Schools, *presented by Ms. Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance*
 - 5.2. Recognition of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee 2025-2026, *presented by Ms. Blanca Cantú, Communications & Public Relations Director*
 - 5.3. Recognition of the Superintendent's Educator Advisory Committee 2025-2026, *presented by Ms. Blanca Cantú, Communications & Public Relations Director*
 - 5.4. Recognition of the Superintendent's Principal Advisory Committee 2025-2026, *presented by Ms. Blanca Cantú, Communications & Public Relations Director*
 - 5.5. Recognition of Officer Luis Salinas for the Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Coordinator of the Year for the State of Texas, Award, *presented by Mr. Leonardo Sanchez, Chief of Police*

5.6. Recognition of La Joya ISD Police Department Officer Ashley Melgarejo for Life-Saving Actions, *presented by Mr. Leonardo Sanchez, Chief of Police*

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE(S)/ANNOUNCEMENTS - (*Vision and Goals*)

6.1. Budget Workshop & Compensation Manual Review, *presented by Ms. Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services*

7. LONE STAR GOVERNANCE - (*Progress and Accountability*)

7.1. Spot Checks & Quality of Instruction Update (Goals 1-4), *presented by Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership*

7.2. Lone Star Governance Time Use Tracker Report - May 6, 2026, *presented by Mr. Celso Gomez Jr., School Board Secretary*

7.3. Monthly TEA Conservator's Report, *presented by Dr. Sylvia Ibarra, TEA Conservator*

8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S) - (*Systems and Processes*)

To promote efficient meetings, the Board may act on more than one item by a single vote through the use of a consent agenda. The consent agenda shall be comprised of items specified in this Section for which the Superintendent anticipates no board deliberation prior to action being taken on the item and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. At the request of any member of the School Board, any item on the consent agenda shall be removed from the consent agenda and given individual deliberation and action. Requests for the removal of an item from the consent agenda are to be made to the presiding officer at the time that the consent agenda is up for consideration.

8.1. Academics & School Leadership:

8.1.1. Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Score Transfer Between La Joya ISD and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)

8.1.2. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between La Joya ISD & Hidalgo County Bar Association

8.2. Approval of Minutes:

8.2.1. Regular Meeting May 6, 2026

8.3. Business, Finance & Administrative Services:

8.3.1. Approval of Budget Amendment 2026-11 as of May 2026

8.3.2. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Participation in Practical Purchasing Cooperative (PPC)

8.3.3. Approval to Set the Date, Time, and Place for a Public Meeting to Discuss the 2026-2027 Budget and 2026 Proposed Tax Rate

8.4. Lone Star Governance:

8.4.1. Approval of Report on Spot Checks & Quality of Instruction Update (Goals 1-4)

8.4.2. Approval of the Lone Star Governance Time Use Tracker Report - May 6, 2026

8.5. Operations & Infrastructure:

8.5.1. Declare Obsolete/Damaged/Scrap Property as Surplus Property and Authorize Sale of Surplus Property Items (Portables) via Online Public Auction

8.5.2. Approval of Maintenance of Open and Closed Loops/Cooling Tower/Boiler System CSP #2026-72

9. CLOSED SESSION - (*Synergy and Teamwork*)

Closed Meeting will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.001, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.129, and 551.0821 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the sections and purposes listed below.

9.1. Consultation with the Board's Attorney. (Texas Government Code 551.071: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law; and Texas Government Code 551.129: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney by telephone conference call.)

9.2. Discuss Personnel Matters and Board and Superintendent Duties. (Texas Government Code 551.074: For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee, including Board Operating Procedures and Self-Assessment.)

9.3. Discuss Property Matters. (Texas Government Code 551.072: For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.)

9.4. Discussion of Intruder Detection Audit Findings. (Texas Government Code 551.076: To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.)

9.5. Personally Identifiable Information About Public School Students. (Texas Government Code 551.0821: For the purpose of deliberating a matter regarding a public-school student, if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed.)

9.6. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.074: Deliberate regarding the nonrenewal and termination of Chapter 21 contracts and consult with legal counsel regarding same.

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - *(Systems and Processes)*

11. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEM(S) - *(Systems and Processes)*

11.1. Approval of the District-Wide Technology Devices Quotation #2026-815, *Item Lead, Haissam Mayasi, Chief Information Officer*

11.2. Consider and Take Possible Action to Nonrenew and Terminate Chapter 21 Contracts, *Item Lead: Ms. Robyn Derington, Deputy Chief of Strategic Initiatives & Talent Development*

12. CALENDAR - *(Other)*

12.1. May 19-23, 2026: National Educational Bosses' Week

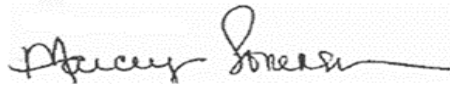
12.2. May 23, 2026: La Joya ISD Graduation Class of 2026 @ Bert Ogden Arena, Edinburg, Texas

12.3. May 25, 2026: Memorial Day - Central Administration will be closed, and there will be no classes for students

12.4. May 27, 2026: Special Called Board Meeting - Student Recognitions @ LIISD Alejandro "Alex" Saenz Performing Arts Center

13. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS - *(Other)*

14. ADJOURNMENT - *(Synergy and Teamwork)*



Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

Posted: May 14, 2026

By: Mari Elizondo @ 3:20 p.m.



La Joya Independent School District

Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 3 - Thriving Students

Agenda Category: Student Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of Valedictorians and Salutatorians – La Joya ISD High Schools

BACKGROUND:

La Joya ISD proudly recognized the Valedictorian and Salutatorians from La Joya HS, Juarez-Lincoln HS, Palmview, Jimmy Carter ECHS/Thelma Salinas, a total of ten outstanding students who have earned the highest academic honors in their respective graduating classes.

RATIONALE:

This recognition celebrates the dedication, perseverance, and excellence these students have demonstrated throughout their academic careers and serves as an inspiration to the entire La Joya ISD community. Board recognition of these scholars affirms the districts commitment to academic achievement and honors the students, families, and educators who made these accomplishment possible .

BUDGET:

Cost: N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Vendor

N/A

Purchasing Mechanism

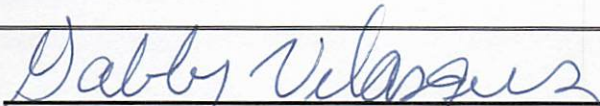
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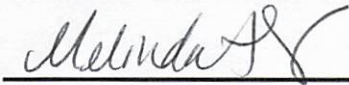
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RECOMMENDATION: Approval

Initiated by:


Gabriela Velasquez, Director of School Counseling

Reviewed by:


Melinda Flores, ED College and Career Success

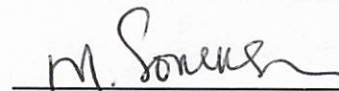
BF&AS Reviewed by:


Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief Academic Advancement & School Performance

Executive Cabinet Review by:


Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics and School Leadership

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:


Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

VAL & SAL INFORMATION SHEET
Board Meeting Recognition May 20,2026

Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Class of 2026

La Joya Independent School District



La Joya High School

VALEDICTORIAN

Student Name: BERNAL, BRISA

Parent / Guardian Name: Late Roel Bernal

Parent / Guardian Name: Melissa Bernal

SALUTATORIAN

Student Name: ORTEGA, JEHU, JR

Parent / Guardian Name: Jehu Ortega

Parent / Guardian Name: Bianca Amaro Ortega



Juárez-Lincoln High School

VALEDICTORIAN

Student Name: AGUILAR, AYNEL

Parent / Guardian Name: Jose Aguilar

Parent / Guardian Name: Janet Aguilar

SALUTATORIAN

Student Name: GARCIA, AYLIN

Parent / Guardian Name: Carlos Garcia

Parent / Guardian Name: Lucina Garcia

VAL & SAL INFORMATION SHEET
Board Meeting Recognition May 20,2026



Palmview High School

 VALEDICTORIAN

Student Name: LOYA, LIYAH ALEXA

Parent / Guardian Name: Aydee Loya

Parent / Guardian Name: Lloyd Anthony Loya

 SALUTATORIAN

Student Name: MORIN, MELANIE ANETTE

Parent / Guardian Name: Mayra Karem Morin

Parent / Guardian Name: Mario Alonzo Morin



Jimmy Carter Early College High School

 VALEDICTORIAN

Student Name: NGUYEN, JOSHUA ETHAN

Parent / Guardian Name: Danny Nguyen

Parent / Guardian Name: Cindy Pham

 SALUTATORIAN

Student Name: MORALES, JOSE GUADALUPE

Parent / Guardian Name: Bertha Morales

Parent / Guardian Name: Hugo Morales

VAL & SAL INFORMATION SHEET
Board Meeting Recognition May 20,2026



Thelma Salinas STEM Early College High School	
VALEDICTORIAN Student Name: BENAVIDES, DAMIAN, JR Parent / Guardian Name: Damian Benavides Parent / Guardian Name: Claudia Sanchez	
SALUTATORIAN Student Name: MIRELES, RICARDO Parent / Guardian Name: RigobertoMireles Parent / Guardian Name: Araceli Mireles	
Notes / Additional Information	



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

District Priority:

Priority 1 - Excellence in Leadership

Agenda Category: Parent Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee 2025-2026

BACKGROUND:

Recognition of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee

RATIONALE:

Parents who participated in the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee during the 2025-2026 school year.

BUDGET:

Cost

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Vendor

N/A

Purchasing Mechanism

N/A

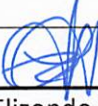
Additional Documentation

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RECOMMENDATION:

Recognition of the Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee

Initiated by:


Elda Elizondo Hernandez, Administrative Assistant to
the Superintendent

Reviewed by:

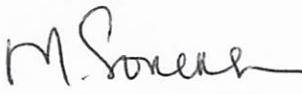
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

BF&AS

Reviewed by:

**Executive
Cabinet**

Review by:


Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**



Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

La Joya I.S.D.
Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Campus</i>
1.	Benoit, Selina Daniella	La Joya High School
2.	Cardenas, Benjamin	Henry B. Gonzalez Elementary and Jimmy Carter Early College High School
3.	Chapa, Armando Javier	HOPE Academy D.A.E.P.
4.	Compean Hernandez, Esthela	Juarez-Lincoln High School and Dr. Palmira Mendiola Elementary
5.	García Moreno, Mónica	José De Escandon Elem.
6.	Garcia, Nancy	Sam Fordyce Elementary Lorenzo De Zavala Middle School, and Jimmy Carter Early College High School
7.	Garza Reyna, Rosario	Cesar E. Chavez Middle School
8.	Guerrero, Maritza	Cesar E. Chavez Middle School
9.	Landeros, Iliana	John F. Kennedy Elementary
10.	Montes, Dayanara	Irene M. Garcia Middle School
11.	Muñoz, Marla Dalinda	Memorial Middle School
12.	Nieves, Alejandra	Lorenzo De Zavala Middle School
13.	Peña, April	Rosendo Benavides Elementary
14.	Saenz, Julia	Jimmy Carter Early College High School



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

District Priority:

Priority 1 - Excellence in Leadership

Agenda Category: Staff Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of the Superintendent's Educator Advisory Committee 2025-2026

BACKGROUND:

Recognition of Superintendent's Educator Advisory Committee

RATIONALE:

Educators who participated in the Superintendent's Educator Advisory Committee during the 2025-2026 school year.

BUDGET:

Cost

N/A

Funding Source

N/A

Vendor

N/A

Purchasing Mechanism

N/A

Additional Documentation

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognition of the Superintendent's Educator Advisory Committee

Initiated by:


Elda Elizondo Hernandez, Administrative Assistant to
the Superintendent

Reviewed by:

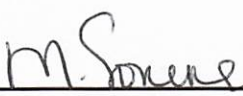
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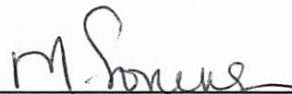
Reviewed by:

**Executive
Cabinet**

Review by:


Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**



Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

La Joya I.S.D.
Superintendent's Educator Advisory Committee

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Campus</i>
1.	Laura Lizette Aguilera	La Joya College and Career Center
2.	María Iliana Barrera	Lorenzo de Zavala Middle School
3.	Diana Barrientos	Dr. Javier Saenz Middle School
4.	Martin Cantu	La Joya High School
5.	Carolina E. Cobos	Enrique "Kiki" Camarena Elementary
6.	Belinda De Hoyos	Evangelina Garza Elementary
7.	SanJuanita Escalera	La Joya High School
8.	Rolynne Garcia	John F. Kennedy Elementary
9.	Alfredo Garcia	Juarez-Lincoln High School
10.	Xochitl Garcia	Juarez-Lincoln High School
11.	Veronica Gonzalez	Leo James Leo Elementary
12.	Rolando Hinojosa	Henry B. Gonzalez Elementary
13.	Claudia Leon	José De Escandon Elementary
14.	Mary Ann Mariscal	Irene M. Garcia Middle School
15.	Gonzalo Melendez	Juarez-Lincoln High School
16.	Beatriz Moreno	Hope Academy D.A.E.P.
17.	Magaly Piña	Dr. Palmira Mendiola Elementary
18.	Osiel Ramos	John F. Kennedy Elementary
19.	Karla Reyna	Henry B. Gonzalez Elementary
20.	Maria Moncerrat "Moncy" Reyna	Jimmy Carter Early College High School
21.	Reyna "Ericka" Santos	Ann W. Richards Middle School
22.	Lemuel Vasquez	Ann W. Richards Middle School
23.	Rosario G. Vela	Dr. Americo Paredes Elementary



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

District Priority:

Priority 1 - Excellence in Leadership

Agenda Category: Staff Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of the Superintendent's Principal Advisory Committee 2025-2026

BACKGROUND:

Recognition of the Superintendent's Principal Advisory Committee

RATIONALE:

Principals who participated in the Superintendent's Principal Advisory Committee during the 2025-2026 school year.

BUDGET:

<i>Cost</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Vendor</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Purchasing Mechanism</i>	<i>Additional Documentation</i>	
N/A	N/A	

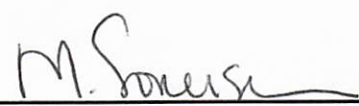
RECOMMENDATION:

Recognition of the Superintendent's Principal Advisory Committee

Initiated by: 
Elda Elizondo Hernandez, Administrative Assistant to
the Superintendent

Reviewed by: _____
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

BF&AS
Reviewed by: _____

Executive
Cabinet
Review by: 
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**



Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

La Joya I.S.D.
Superintendent's Principal Advisory Committee

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Campus</i>
1.	Leann Alaniz	Palmview High School
2.	Dr. Betty Cardenas	Domingo Treviño MS
3.	Dulce Diaz	Enrique "Kiki" Camarena Elementary
4.	Eduardo Flores	La Joya High School
5.	Belinda Gonzalez	John F. Kennedy Elementary
6.	Ciro Gonzalez	Cesar E. Chavez Middle School
7.	Rosa E. González	Evangelina Garza Elementary
8.	Yesenia Y. González	Dr. Javier Saenz Middle School
9.	Bibiana Hinojosa	Díaz-Villarreal Elementary
10.	Eliamar Lopez	Juan N. Seguin Elementary
11.	Juan D. Quiroz	Hope Academy D.A.E.P.
12.	Irma L. Ramírez	Sam Fordyce Elementary



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 1 - Excellence in Leadership

Agenda Category: Staff Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of Officer Luis Salinas for the Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Coordinator of the Year for the State of Texas, Award

BACKGROUND:

La Joya ISD Campus Crime Stoppers, established in 2002, continues to empower students and staff to anonymously report crimes and safety concerns, strengthening safe and secure learning environments across our district. From February 23-25, 2026, our Campus Crime Stoppers representatives attended the Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference in Amarillo, Texas, where they earned multiple awards, including recognition of our Campus Crime Stoppers Coordinator as the Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Coordinator of the Year for the State of Texas. This achievement reflects exceptional leadership, dedication, and a strong commitment to fostering safe and secure school environments. It also highlights the continued partnership between our campuses and the Police Department in promoting a culture of safety, accountability, and student engagement.

RATIONALE:

Recognition for Officer Luis Salinas for the Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Coordinator of the Year of the State of Texas, Award.

BUDGET:

Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism	Additional Documentation	
N/A	N/A	

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends recognition of Officer Luis Salinas for the Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Coordinator of the Year for the State of Texas, Award.

Initiated by: Xochitl Garcia
Xochitl Garcia, MSSW, LBSW, La Joya ISD Crime Stoppers, President

Reviewed by: Leonardo Sanchez
Leonardo Sanchez, Chief of Police

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Reviewed by: _____

Executive
Cabinet
Review by: Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools



La Joya Independent School District

Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 1 - Excellence in Leadership

Agenda Category: Staff Recognition

Item Title: Recognition of La Joya ISD Police Department Officer Ashley Melgarejo for Life-Saving Actions

BACKGROUND:

On April 20, Officer Ashley Melgarejo encountered a mother in distress holding her infant child in her arms that was choking on an unknown object. The Officer's immediate intervention was required to address a blocked airway.

RATIONALE:

Officer Melgarejo acted without hesitation and successfully performed the Heimlich maneuver, clearing the airway and saving the life of the infant child involved. Her actions reflect exceptional professionalism, preparedness, and a strong commitment to the safety of the La Joya ISD community.

BUDGET:

<i>Cost</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Vendor</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Purchasing Mechanism</i>	<i>Additional Documentation</i>	
N/A	N/A	

RECOMMENDATION:

Recognition of La Joya ISD Police Department Officer Ashley Melgarejo for Life-Saving Actions.

Initiated by:


Leonardo Sanchez, Chief of Police

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**

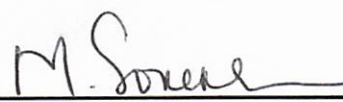
Reviewed by:



Dr. Marcey Sorensen
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Review by:


Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools



La Joya Independent School District

Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 2 - Empowered Graduates

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Score Transfer Between La Joya ISD and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)

BACKGROUND:

La Joya ISD administers the Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSIA) to high school students, and state law requires these scores be used by Texas public IHEs for course placement and orientation. This Interlocal Cooperation Contract establishes a secure five-year protocol for transmitting TSIA score rosters from La Joya ISD to UTRGV via restricted Accuplacer Institution Reporter access.

RATIONALE:

Formalizing this transfer eliminates a senior-year friction point by delivering qualifying TSI scores directly to UTRGV; supporting summer melt prevention, seamless enrollment, and protection of CCMR-aligned student outcomes from unnecessary developmental placement.

BUDGET:

Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
N/A	N/A	University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Purchasing Mechanism	Additional Documentation	
N/A	ICC Attached	

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

Initiated by: Melinda Flores
Melinda Flores, Executive Director of College and Career Success

Reviewed by: Anna Marie Candelario
Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance

BF&AS
Reviewed by: Mirgitt Crespo
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business and Admin Services

Executive
Cabinet
Review by: Dr. Derek Little
Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics and School Leadership

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**

Dr. Marcey Sorensen

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION CONTRACT

This **Interlocal Cooperation Contract** (this “**Contract**”) is entered into effective **April 1, 2026** (“**Effective Date**”), by and between the Contracting Parties shown below pursuant to authority granted in and in compliance with Chapter 791, *Texas Government Code* and *Texas Success Initiative Rule 4.56* (19 Tex. Admin. Code § 4.56).

CONTRACTING PARTIES:

La Joya Independent School District, a local entity of the State of Texas.

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV), an institution of higher education and agency of the State of Texas.

INTRODUCTION:

The Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requires all new incoming students enrolling at Texas public institutions of higher education (IHEs) to be assessed academically to determine their level of college-readiness. Texas Education Code § 51.331 et seq. Because the results of those assessments will include personally identifiable information (PII) of individual students, they constitute records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). 20 U.S.C. § 1232g. Consistent with TSI’s recognition of FERPA regulations (19 Tex. Admin. Code § 4.63), IHEs work with partnering school districts to develop secure protocols for sharing batch test results for students enrolling at their institution. Pursuant to FERPA an educational agency or institution may disclose personally identifiable information from an education record without complying with the statute’s notice requirements when the disclosure is to officials of another school, school system, or institution of postsecondary education where the student seeks or intends to enroll, so long as the disclosure is for purposes related to the student’s enrollment or transfer, and the partnering school district is compliant with FERPA’s annual notice rule (34 CFR § 99.37).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Contract is to obtain the services of UTRGV to facilitate the transfer of the Texas Success Initiative test scores from La Joya ISD to UTRGV. These scores may be used for UTRGVs New Student Orientation attendance and course placement purposes only. This Contract will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Contracting Parties.

STATEMENT OF SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED:

La Joya ISD will perform the following services (“services”):

- High School Testing Administrator shall provide UTRGV with an Accuplacer username and password to Business Analyst in Strategic Enrollment, as an Institution Reporter.

UTRGV will perform the following functions:

- Business Analyst shall restrict themselves to accessing Score Roster Reports and download these scores into UTRGV’s student information system. Scores will strictly be used for New Orientation attendance and course placement purposes at UTRGV.

UTRGV shall present this signed contract to High School Testing Administrator to acquire credentials as noted above.

WARRANTIES:

La Joya ISD warrants that (1) the services are necessary and authorized for activities that are properly within its statutory functions and programs; (2) it has the authority to contract for the services under authority granted in Chapter 11 *Texas Education Code*, and Chapter 791, *Texas Government Code*; (3) it has all necessary power and has received all necessary approvals to execute and deliver this Contract, and (4) the representative signing this Contract on its behalf is authorized by its governing body to sign this Contract.

La Joya ISD further warrants (1) that it has either (a) expressly notify each parent or student over the age of 18 ("eligible student") of the record transfer, or (b) in the ISD's annual FERPA notification (34 CFR § 99.7) included a notice that the ISD forwards education records to other agencies or institutions that have requested the records and in which the student seeks or intends to enroll for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer; (2) that upon request it will provide a parent or eligible student a copy of the test result disclosed; and (3) that upon request it will provide a parent or eligible student opportunity for a hearing under 34 CFR Part 99, subpart C (Procedures for Amending Education Records).

UTRGV warrants that (1) it has authority to perform the services under authority granted in Chapter 79 *Texas Education Code* and Chapter 791, *Texas Government Code*; (2) it has all necessary power and has received all necessary approvals to execute and deliver this Contract, and (3) the representative signing this Contract on its behalf is authorized by its governing body to sign this Contract.

TERM:

The term of this Contract begins on the Effective Date, and will terminate on the fifth anniversary of the Effective Date unless earlier terminated as provided herein.

NOTICES:

Except as otherwise provided by this Section, all notices, consents, approvals, demands, requests or other communications provided for or permitted to be given under any of the provisions of this Contract will be in writing and will be sent via certified mail, hand delivery, overnight courier, facsimile transmission (to the extent a facsimile number is set forth below), or email (to the extent an email address is set forth below) as provided below, and notice will be deemed given (i) if delivered by certified mailed, when deposited, postage prepaid, in the United States mail, or (ii) if delivered by hand, overnight courier, facsimile (to the extent a facsimile number is set forth below) or email (to the extent an email address is set forth below), when received:

If to La Joya ISD: La Joya Independent School District
 200 W Expressway 83
 La Joya, Texas 78560
 Attention: Debra Harris and Jovanna Hernandez

If to UTRGV: University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 1201 University Blvd., ESSBL 6.195
 Edinburg, Texas 78539
 Attention: Dara Newton and Marybel Gonzalez

or other person or address as may be given in writing by either party to the other in accordance with this Section.

Notwithstanding any other requirements for notices given by a party under this Contract, if UTRGV intends to deliver written notice to La Joya ISD pursuant to Section 2251.054, *Texas Government Code*, then UTRGV will send that notice to La Joya ISD as follows:

La Joya Independent School District
200 W Expressway 83
La Joya, Texas 78560
Attention: Debra Harris and Jovanna Hernandez

or other person or address as may be given in writing by La Joya ISD to UTRGV in accordance with this Section.

TERMINATION:

In the event of a material failure by a Contracting Party to perform its duties and obligations in accordance with the terms of this Contract, the other party may terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice of termination setting forth the nature of the material failure; provided that, the material failure is through no fault of the terminating party. The termination will not be effective if the material failure is fully cured prior to the end of the thirty-day period.

UTRGV may terminate this Contract upon thirty (30) days' advance written notice of termination to the La Joya ISD.

OTHER PROVISIONS:

Access by Individuals with Disabilities. UTRGV represents and warrants ("EIR Accessibility Warranty") that the electronic and information resources and all associated information, documentation, and support that it provides to La Joya ISD under this Contract (collectively, the "EIRs") comply with the applicable requirements set forth in Title 1, Chapter 213 of the *Texas Administrative Code* and Title 1, Chapter 206, Rule §206.70 of the *Texas Administrative Code* (as authorized by Chapter 2054, Subchapter M of the *Texas Government Code*.) To the extent UTRGV becomes aware that the EIRs, or any portion thereof, do not comply with the EIR Accessibility Warranty, then UTRGV represents and warrants that it will, at no cost to La Joya ISD, either (1) perform all necessary remediation to make the EIRs satisfy the EIR Accessibility Warranty or (2) replace the EIRs with new EIRs that satisfy the EIR Accessibility Warranty. In the event that UTRGV is unable to do so, then La Joya ISD may terminate this Contract and UTRGV will refund to La Joya ISD all amounts La Joya ISD has paid under this Contract within thirty (30) days after the termination date. UTRGV will provide all assistance and cooperation necessary for the performance of accessibility testing conducted by La Joya ISD or La Joya ISD's third party testing resources as required by Title 1, Rule §213.38(g) of the *Texas Administrative Code*.

Venue; Governing Law. Hidalgo County, Texas shall be the proper place of venue for suit on or in respect of this Contract. This Contract and all of the rights and obligations of the parties hereto and all of the terms and conditions hereof shall be construed, interpreted and applied in accordance with and governed by and enforced under the laws of the State of Texas.

Entire Agreement; Modifications. This Contract supersedes all prior agreements, written or oral, between UTRGV and La Joya ISD and shall constitute the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with

respect to the subject matter hereof. This Contract and each of its provisions shall be binding upon the parties and may not be waived, modified, amended or altered except by a writing signed by La Joya ISD and UTRGV.

Loss of Funding. Performance by a Contracting Party of its duties and obligations under this Contract may be dependent upon the appropriation and allotment of funds by the Texas State Legislature (the "Legislature") and/or allocation of funds by that Contracting Party's governing board. If the Legislature fails to appropriate or allot the necessary funds to a Contracting Party, or a Contracting Party's governing board fails to allocate the necessary funds, then the Contracting Party that loses funding may terminate this Contract without further duty or obligation under this Contract.

Assignment. This Contract is not transferable or assignable except upon written approval by La Joya ISD and UTRGV.

Severability. If any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof, and this Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained therein.

Public Records. It shall be the independent responsibility of La Joya ISD and UTRGV to comply with the provisions of Chapter 552, *Texas Government Code* (the "*Public Information Act*"), as those provisions apply to the parties' respective information. La Joya ISD is not authorized to receive public information requests or take any action under the *Public Information Act* on behalf of UTRGV. Likewise, UTRGV is not authorized to receive public information requests or take any other action under the *Public Information Act* on behalf of La Joya ISD. Executed effective as of the Effective Date by the following duly authorized representatives of the Contracting Parties:

UTRGV:

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

By: _____

Name: Dr Magdalena Hinojosa
Title: Executive Vice President for Strategic
Initiatives & Student Affairs & Deputy
to the Presidents

Date: _____

LA JOYA ISD:

La Joya Independent School District

By: _____

Name: Dr. Marcy Sorensen
Title: Superintendent

Date: _____



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 2 - Empowered Graduates

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between La Joya ISD & Hidalgo County Bar Association

BACKGROUND:

This establishes the Civic Leaders of Tomorrow: From Classroom to Courtroom internship, a 3-week structured program giving students supervised exposure to courthouse operations, legal careers, and public service pathways through rotations with judges, attorneys, and court personnel at the Hidalgo County Courthouse.

RATIONALE:

This expands college and career readiness opportunities by providing real-world exposure to a high-demand professional pathway, supporting CTE/endorsement alignment and work-based learning objectives while strengthening civic and workforce development ties between LJISD students and the regional legal community.

BUDGET:

Cost
N/A

Funding Source
N/A

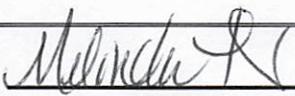
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Hidalgo County Bar Association

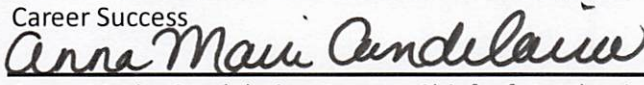
Purchasing Mechanism
N/A

Additional Documentation
MOU Attached

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

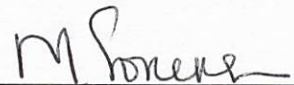
Initiated by: 
Melinda Flores, Executive Director of College and Career Success

Reviewed by: 
Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance

BF&AS Reviewed by: Click or tap here to enter text.

Executive Cabinet Review by: 
Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics and School Leadership

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:


Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN HIDALGO COUNTY BAR
ASSOCIATION (HCBA) AND LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(LJISD)**

Entered into by the **Hidalgo County Bar Association (HCBA)**, a nonprofit corporation with its principal office located at 100 N. Closner Blvd., Edinburg, Texas 78539, represented herein by its Executive Director, Abraham Garcia, and hereinafter referred to as "HCBA."

And by the La Joya Independent School District (LJISD), with address at 200 E. Expressway 83, represented in this act by its Executive Director, Melinda Flores, who shall hereinafter be referred to as "LJISD";

Both parties, who together shall be referred to as "THE PARTIES", agree to enter into this Collaboration Agreement, under the following declarations and clauses:

CLAUSES

1. PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

The purpose of this partnership is to provide LJISD students with meaningful exposure to the legal profession, courthouse operations, and public service career pathways through structured educational experiences coordinated in collaboration with HCBA and local justice system partners. This initiative is designed to expand college and career readiness opportunities— particularly for students who may be first-generation college aspirants — while strengthening connections between the legal community and the next generation of civic leaders in Hidalgo County.

Through this program participating students will engage in supervised learning experiences that introduce them to legal institutions, professional environments, and civic leadership roles. The partnership reflects a shared commitment by HCBA and LJISD to increase access to career exploration opportunities, promote workforce development within the region, and encourage long-term student engagement with the legal system and public service professions.

Both organizations enter into this MOU with the intent to coordinate resources, align program logistics with student academic schedules, and support a structured internship framework that benefits students, educators, and the broader community. Together, HCBA and LJISD seek to cultivate early exposure to

professional pathways that inspire leadership, confidence, and future participation in the justice system and civic life.

2. SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

To support the successful implementation of the **Civic Leaders of Tomorrow: From Classroom to Courtroom** initiative, HCBA and LJISD agree to collaborate in coordinating student participation, program logistics, supervision, and educational alignment as outlined below:

Responsibilities of the Hidalgo County Bar Association (HCBA)

HCBA agrees to :

- Coordinate program planning and overall administration of the internship initiative.
- Facilitate partnerships with participating courts, legal offices, and justice-system stakeholders within the Hidalgo County Courthouse and broader legal community.
- Develop and provide a structured program schedule that introduces students to various legal careers, departments, and courthouse functions.
- Identify and coordinate volunteer attorneys, judges, court personnel, and legal professionals to participate as speakers, mentors, or site hosts.
- Provide orientation materials outlining expectations, professional conduct standards, and workplace readiness guidance for participating students.
- Assist in coordinating student placement rotations across participating offices, when applicable.
- Designate a program liaison to serve as the primary point of contact between HCBA and LJISD.
- Monitor program progress and support a safe, educational, and professional learning environment for participating students.

Responsibilities of the La Joya Independent School District (LJISD)

LJISD agrees to:

- Identify and recommend eligible student participants based on academic readiness, attendance, interest in public service or legal careers, and program eligibility criteria.
- Coordinate parental/guardian consent forms and ensure compliance with district policies governing student participation in off-campus instructional activities.

- Provide transportation for participating students to and from the Hidalgo County Courthouse
- Ensure students adhere to district conduct expectations and professional behavior standards while participating in the program.
- Assign a district representative, counselor, instructor, or program coordinator to serve as the primary liaison between LJISD and HCBA.
- Support alignment of the internship experience with applicable college, career, and technical education (CTE), endorsement pathways, or work-based learning objectives when appropriate.
- Maintain responsibility for student attendance tracking consistent with district policies.

Shared responsibilities

HCBA and LJISD jointly agree to:

- Collaborate on scheduling program dates and participation timelines that align with the academic calendar.
- Promote a safe, structured, and educational experience for all participating students.
- Communicate regularly regarding program updates, adjustments, and student participation needs.
- Encourage student engagement through mentorship, professional exposure, and civic learning opportunities.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the program and explore opportunities for continued collaboration in future academic terms.

3. OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

• Resource Commitment:

Each party agrees to dedicate reasonable efforts consistent with its respective organizational capacity, mission, and priorities to support the *Civil Leaders of Tomorrow: From Classroom to Courtroom* program. As part of this collaboration, **La Joya Independent School District (La Joya ISD)** will provide student transportation between participating campuses and the Hidalgo County Courthouse and will provide breakfast for participating students on program days. The **Hidalgo County Bar Association (HCBA)** will provide lunch for participating students and will coordinate and cover reasonable expenses associated with the program's graduation or recognition ceremony. Any additional commitments of staff time, facilities, or

financial resources beyond those outlined herein shall require prior mutual written agreement.

- **Program Coordination and Decision-Making:**

All joint program activities conducted pursuant to this MOU shall be subject to mutual written agreement regarding scope, responsibilities, scheduling, supervision, logistics, and any associated costs prior to implementation. Both parties agree to collaborate in good faith to ensure that activities align with student safety requirements, district policies, and the educational objectives of the program.

- **Communication and Points of Contact:**

Each party shall designate a primary point of contact responsible for coordinating planning, scheduling, and implementation of activities under this MOU. These representatives will work collaboratively to support program operations, address logistical needs, and ensure consistent communication between the Hidalgo County Bar Association and La Joya Independent School District.

4. TERM AND RENEWAL

This agreement shall have a term of 3(Three) weeks from the date of execution by both parties, and may be renewed by mutual written agreement between THE PARTIES for additional terms.

5. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any general financial obligations between the parties beyond those expressly described herein. Each party shall remain responsible for its own costs incurred in connection with activities conducted under this MOU; however, consistent with the agreed operational framework, **La Joya Independent School District** will provide student transportation between participating campuses and the Hidalgo County Courthouse and will provide breakfast for participating students, and the **Hidalgo County Bar Association** will provide lunch for participating students and cover reasonable expenses associated with the program's graduation or recognition ceremony. Any additional financial commitments shall require prior mutual written agreement by both parties.

Neither party shall act as agent for the other or make financial commitments on behalf of the other party.

6. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND MARKETING

Use of Names and Logos: Each party may reference the collaborative relationship and use the other party's name and logo solely in connection with jointly approved activities under this MOU, provided that:

- Prior written approval is obtained for each specific use
- Use complies with any brand guidelines provided by the logo owner
- Use is limited to factual descriptions of the collaborative relationship
- Each party retains all rights to its intellectual property

7. COMPLIANCE AND ETHICAL STANDARDS

Both parties agree to:

- Comply with all applicable laws and regulations in their respective jurisdictions
- Maintain professional and ethical standards in all collaborative activities
- Ensure that any business introductions or recommendations are made in good faith based on publicly available information
- Avoid any conflicts of interest and maintain transparency in all activities

8. INDEPENDENCE AND PUBLIC PURPOSE

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any partnership, joint venture, agency, or employment relationship between the parties. Each organization shall retain its independent authority, governance, and operational autonomy.

The participation of the **Hidalgo County Bar Association (HCBA)** under this agreement is limited to activities that advance its public service mission of supporting the legal profession, promoting civic education, and expanding student awareness of careers in law, public service, and the judicial system through the *Civil Leaders of Tomorrow: From Classroom to Courtroom* program.

9. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this MOU with 30 days' written notice. Upon termination:

- All confidentiality obligations survive for two years
- Each party will cease using the other's name and logos
- Ongoing joint activities may be completed by mutual agreement

- No party shall have liability for termination exercised in good faith

10. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Entire Agreement: This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may only be modified by written agreement signed by both parties.

Severability: If any provision is deemed unenforceable, the remainder of the agreement shall remain in effect.

Force Majeure: Neither party shall be liable for delays or failures due to circumstances beyond their reasonable control.

Having read this agreement and THE PARTIES being aware of its content and legal scope, they sign it in duplicate in the city of Edinburg, on the 16 day of the month of April of the year 2026.

FOR HIDALGO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Name: Abraham Garcia

Title: HCBA Executive Director

Signature: _____

FOR LJISD

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Claudia Zamora

From: Melinda Flores
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 2:20 PM
To: Claudia Zamora
Subject: Fw: Subject: Requesting Legal Review on Bert Ogden Arena Contract

Let me know if you see thread

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From: Anna Marie Candelario <a.candelario@lajoyaisd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 8:53:23 PM
To: Melinda Flores <m.flores25@lajoyaisd.net>; Norma Garza <n.garza7@lajoyaisd.net>
Cc: Gabriela Velasquez <g.velasquez2@lajoyaisd.net>; Alicia Olivares <a.olivares@lajoyaisd.net>
Subject: Re: Subject: Requesting Legal Review on Bert Ogden Arena Contract

Yes good to good

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From: Melinda Flores <m.flores25@lajoyaisd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 8:19:34 PM
To: Anna Marie Candelario <a.candelario@lajoyaisd.net>; Norma Garza <n.garza7@lajoyaisd.net>
Cc: Gabriela Velasquez <g.velasquez2@lajoyaisd.net>; Alicia Olivares <a.olivares@lajoyaisd.net>
Subject: Re: Subject: Requesting Legal Review on Bert Ogden Arena Contract

Mrs. Candelario,

Does this mean it is good to go? I had previously resolved the comments she had. Just need to make sure it's clear to go.

Melinda Flores
Executive Director of College and Career Success
956-323-2668

From: Kelsey McKeag <kmckeag@thompsonhorton.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 12:05 PM
To: Melinda Flores <m.flores25@lajoyaisd.net>; Anna Marie Candelario <a.candelario@lajoyaisd.net>; legal-mbeam <mbeam@thompsonhorton.com>; Norma Garza <n.garza7@lajoyaisd.net>
Cc: Gabriela Velasquez <g.velasquez2@lajoyaisd.net>; Alicia Olivares <a.olivares@lajoyaisd.net>; Philip Fraissinet <pfraissinet@thompsonhorton.com>
Subject: RE: Subject: Requesting Legal Review on Bert Ogden Arena Contract

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Hi all,



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

District Priority: Priority 4 - Community, Trust, Unity, and Partnership

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting May 6, 2026

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the meeting minutes is to provide a legally binding, official record demonstrating the school district's compliance with the association's bylaws and established procedures.

RATIONALE:

Approval is needed for the following: Regular Meeting, May 6, 2026.

BUDGET:

Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
N/A	N/A	N/A
Purchasing Mechanism		Additional Documentation
N/A		May 6, 2026 Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting May 6, 2026.

Initiated by: Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

Reviewed by: _____

BF&AS
Reviewed by: _____

Executive
Cabinet
Review by: Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools



MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING SCHOOL BOARD LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Regular Meeting of the School Board of **LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** was held on **Wednesday, May 6, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM**, in the Staff Development Center Board Room at Nellie Schunior Administration Building, 200 W. Expwy 83, La Joya, TX 78560. A quorum of the Board and the presiding officer were present at this location. Any Board members participating by videoconference were in accordance with Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code.

The subjects to be discussed or considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken, are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting notice.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER - (Other)**

Julian Alvarez III, President, School Board, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL & DECLARE QUORUM - (Other)**

Present: Jessica Ochoa, Dr. Carlos Margo, Julian Alvarez III, Celso Gomez Jr.,
Dr. Rosalva Hernandez, and Valeria Vega

Absent: Alyssa Peña

Julian Alvarez III, President, School Board, declared a quorum

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, *Julian Alvarez III, School Board President - (Other)***

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - (Synergy and Teamwork)**

Leonor Garza – Non-renewal contract on Special Ed. teacher, Alma Alicia Gonzalez.

Nina Hernandez (student) – In reference to the Cosmetology teacher, Ms. Moreno, non-renewal.

Bethany Rojero (student) - In reference to the Cosmetology teacher, Ms. Moreno, non-renewal.

Julisa Rios (student) – In reference to the Cosmetology teacher, Ms. Moreno, non-renewal. Social Media concerns.

Kithzya Gatas (student) - In reference to the Cosmetology teacher, Ms. Moreno, non-renewal.

5. STAFF RECOGNITION(S) - *(Vision and Goals)*

- 5.1. Recognition of National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day, *presented by S.B. Pierson, Chief of Operations & Infrastructure*
- 5.2. Recognition of National Speech-Language-Hearing Month, May 1-31, 2026, *presented by Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance*
- 5.3. Recognition of National Occupational Therapy Month, *presented by Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance*
- 5.4. Recognition of National Principals Day 2026, *presented by Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership*
- 5.5. Recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, 2026, *presented by Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership*
- 5.6. Recognition of School Nurses' Week (May 6-12, 2026), *presented by Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Leadership*
- 5.7. Recognition of La Joya ISD Police Officers for National Police Week, May 11-15, 2026, *presented by Blanca E. Cantú, Director of Communications & Public Relations*

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE(S)/ANNOUNCEMENTS - *(Vision and Goals)*

- 6.1. Update on Strategic Plan & PMOC, including Strategic Plan Dashboard Unveiling, *presented by Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Haissam Mayasi, Chief Technology Officer*
- 6.2. Years of Service Update, *presented by Ms. Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services*
- 6.3. Transportation Update & Recommendations, *presented by Mr. S.P. Pierson, Chief of Operations & Infrastructure*

7. LONE STAR GOVERNANCE - *(Progress and Accountability)*

- 7.1. Special Education Audit & Superintendent Constraint 2 Update, *presented by Dr. Derek Little, Chief of Academics & School Leadership, and Anna Marie Candelario, Deputy Chief of Academic Advancement & School Performance*
- 7.2. Lone Star Governance Time Use Tracker Report - April 22, 2026, *presented by Ms. Mari Elizondo, School Board Administrative Assistant*
- 7.3. Board Self-Assessment, *presented by Ms. Monica Jaloma, Lone Star Governance Coach*

8. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM(S) - *(Systems and Processes)*

To promote efficient meetings, the Board may act on more than one item by a single vote through the use of a consent agenda. The consent agenda shall be comprised of items

specified in this Section for which the Superintendent anticipates no board deliberation prior to action being taken on the item and for which the Superintendent recommends approval. At the request of any member of the School Board, any item on the consent agenda shall be removed from the consent agenda and given individual deliberation and action. Requests for the removal of an item from the consent agenda are to be made to the presiding officer at the time that the consent agenda is up for consideration.

A motion was made by Valeria Vega to approve the Consent Agenda from 8.1 to 8.6. Seconded by Dr. Rosalva Hernandez. And the motion carried unanimously.

8.1. Academics & School Leadership:

- 8.1.1. Approval of Pre-K Professional Development and Curriculum Support through RFP #2025-55. At the cost of \$77,180.00 with Teaching Strategies, LLC, Washington, DC.
- 8.1.2. Approval of Summer School Reading Program for General Education Students through Region 19 Allied States Cooperative. At the cost of \$74,450.00 with Ignite Reading, San Francisco, CA.
- 8.1.3. Approval of Summer School Reading Program for Special Education Students through Region 19 Allied States Cooperative. At the cost of \$74,450.00 with Ignite Reading, San Francisco, CA.

8.2. Approval of Minutes:

- 8.2.1. District Safety and Security Committee Meeting April 15, 2026
- 8.2.2. Regular Meeting April 22, 2026

8.3. Business, Finance & Administrative Services:

- 8.3.1. Approval of March 2026 Tax Collector's Report
- 8.3.2. DEAB (Local) Policy Revision-Compensatory Time

8.4. Human Capital & Talent Development:

- 8.4.1. Approval of Agreement with Holdsworth Center for Student Teachers. At the cost of \$11,000.00 with The Holdsworth Center, Austin, TX.

8.5. Lone Star Governance:

- 8.5.1. Approval of the Lone Star Governance Time Use Tracker Report - April 22, 2026
- 8.5.2. Approval of the Lone Star Governance Monitoring Report: Board Constraint 2

8.6. Operations & Infrastructure:

- 8.6.1. Approval of Escandon Elementary Easement Agreement - Acceptance of Payment and Approval of Terms

8.6.2. Approval of Lift Station License Usage Agreement with RS La Homa, LLC—at E.B. Reyna Elementary School

9. CLOSED SESSION - (*Synergy and Teamwork*)

Closed Meeting will be held for the purposes authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.001, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.129, and 551.0821 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the sections and purposes listed below.

Julian Alvarez III, President, School Board, called the meeting into Closed Session at 8:39 p.m. under the section Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.001, 551.071, 551.072, 551.074, 551.076, 551.129, and 551.0821 et seq. concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including but not limited to the sections and purposes listed below.

- 9.1. Consultation with the Board's Attorney. (Texas Government Code 551.071: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law; and Texas Government Code 551.129: For the purpose of a private consultation with the Board's attorney by telephone conference call.)
- 9.2. Discuss Personnel Matters and Board and Superintendent Duties. (Texas Government Code 551.074: For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear complaints or charges against a public officer or employee, including Board Operating Procedures and Self-Assessment.)
- 9.3. Discuss Property Matters. (Texas Government Code 551.072: For the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.)
- 9.4. Discussion of Intruder Detection Audit Findings. (Texas Government Code 551.076: To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or a security audit.)
- 9.5. Personally Identifiable Information About Public School Students. (Texas Government Code 551.0821: For the purpose of deliberating a matter regarding a public-school student, if personally identifiable information about the student will necessarily be revealed.)
- 9.6. Pursuant to Texas Government Codes 551.071 and 551.074: Deliberate and consult with legal counsel regarding administration's recommended contract actions, including recommendations to propose and finalize nonrenewals and propose and finalize terminations for employees holding Chapter 21 contracts.

10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - (*Systems and Processes*)

Julian Alvarez III, President, School Board, called the meeting out of Closed Session at 10:20 p.m.

11. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEM(S) - *(Systems and Processes)*

- 11.1. A motion was made by **Dr. Carlos Margo** to approve the Kitchen Equipment for CNS Department. At the cost of \$595,869.00 with Mission Restaurant Supply, McAllen, TX. Seconded by **Jessica Ochoa**. And the motion carried unanimously.
- 11.2. A motion was made by **Dr. Rosalva Hernandez** to approve the Lone Star Governance – Board Self-Assessment Using the LSG Integrity. Seconded by **Valeria Vega**. And the motion carried unanimously.
- 11.3. A motion was made by **Dr. Carlos Margo** to amend the Program Change Resolution to address additional staffing overages and propose nonrenewals as presented in Closed Session. I further move to authorize the Superintendent to notify the affected employees of this action and retain an attorney to serve as the Board's designee on any hearings requested on these proposed nonrenewals. Seconded by **Celso Gomez Jr.** And the motion carried unanimously.

12. CALENDAR - *(Other)*

- 12.1. May 2026: National Speech-Language-Hearing Month
- 12.2. May 2026: National Occupational Therapy Month
- 12.3. May 2026: Mental Health Awareness Month
- 12.4. May 1, 2026: National Lunch Hero Day
- 12.5. May 1, 2026: National Principals' Day
- 12.6. May 4-8, 2026: Decision Day & Scholarships (All High Schools)
- 12.7. May 4-8, 2026: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 12.8. May 6-12, 2026: National Nurses' Week
- 12.9. May 7, 2026: La Joya Honors Banquet
- 12.10. May 8, 2026: School Communicators Day
- 12.11. May 8, 2026: Mother's Day Events (Campuses)
- 12.12. May 8-9, 2026: Employee Wellness Softball Tournament
- 12.13. May 11-15, 2026: National Police Week
- 12.14. May 12, 2026: Senior Baccalaureate
- 12.15. May 15, 2026: De Colores Festival @ La Joya ISD Pack Stadium
- 12.16. May 16, 2026: Armed Forces Day

12.17. May 19-23, 2026: National Educational Bosses' Week

12.18. May 20, 2026: Regular Board Meeting

13. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT REMARKS - *(Other)*

14. ADJOURNMENT - *(Synergy and Teamwork)*

A motion was made by Dr. Carlos Margo to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m. Seconded by Celso Gomez Jr. And the motion carried unanimously.

Julian Alvarez III
President, School Board

Celso Gomez Jr.
Secretary, School Board



La Joya Independent School District

Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 5 - Operational Excellence and Financial Stability

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Budget Amendment 2026-11 as of May 2026

BACKGROUND:

Fund Adjustments are needed between functions within the General Fund. All adjustments are necessary as part of the normal course of District operations and are reported in accordance with state requirements.

RATIONALE:

Budget amendments are required to be approved by the Board between function levels within the budget. These changes are typically the result of unforeseen expenditures in certain categories and must be adjusted between functions to maintain legal compliance.

BUDGET:

Cost
N/A

Funding Source
N/A

Vendor
N/A

Purchasing Mechanism
N/A

Additional Documentation
Budget Amendment Form

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval

Initiated by:

Jose A. Perez, Director of Budget

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**

Reviewed by:

Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services

BF&AS

Reviewed by:

Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services

Executive

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LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REVENUE BY OBJECT AND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION - GENERAL FUND (FUNDS 152 - 199)
BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MAY 30, 2026

	ORIGINAL ADOPTED BUDGET	2025-2026 AMENDED BUDGET	ADJUSTMENTS BY OBJECT/FUNCTION	2025-2026 AMENDED BUDGET 4/30/2026
REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCE SOURCES:				
5700 LOCAL SOURCES				
Local Tax Collections	17,872,386	25,122,386	-	25,122,386
Other Local Revenues	8,450,000	5,200,000	-	5,200,000
TOTAL LOCAL SOURCES	26,322,386	30,322,386	-	30,322,386
5800 STATE PROGRAM	228,611,009	237,892,240	-	237,892,240
5900 FEDERAL PROGRAM	1,500,000	1,500,000	-	1,500,000
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	256,433,395	269,714,626	-	269,714,626
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER				
FINANCING USES:				
11 Instruction	145,723,720	149,810,924	(266,619)	149,544,305
12 Instructional Res. & Media Services	5,966,034	6,232,496	126,000	6,358,496
13 Curriculum Dev. & Inst. Staff Dev.	6,348,620	7,979,455	120,000	8,099,455
21 Instructional Adm.	4,205,601	4,680,399	(126,000)	4,554,399
23 School Adm.	14,505,394	15,667,028	125,599	15,792,627
31 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation	7,986,830	8,211,581	(115,788)	8,095,793
32 Social Work	1,864,184	1,790,720	-	1,790,720
33 Health Services	2,566,964	2,750,928	(104)	2,750,824
34 Student Transportation	6,900,857	7,054,018	-	7,054,018
35 Food Service	-	530,000	-	530,000
36 Co curricular Activity	9,248,966	9,300,291	900	9,301,191
41 General Adm.	11,092,793	11,829,502	-	11,829,502
51 Plant Maintenance & Operations	28,339,485	28,478,300	136,012	28,614,312
52 Security & Monitoring Services.	4,262,850	4,680,952	-	4,680,952
53 Data Processing Services	1,617,896	1,737,477	-	1,737,477
61 Community Services	27,178	84,532	-	84,532
71 Debt Service	3,652,014	3,652,014	-	3,652,014
81 Facilities Acquisition and Const.	-	3,120,000	-	3,120,000
93 Payments to Member District's for SSA	-	-	-	-
95 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alt Ed.	-	-	-	-
99 Intergovernmental Charges	556,000	556,000	-	556,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	254,865,386	268,146,617	-	268,146,617
DIFFERENCE	1,568,009	1,568,009	-	1,568,009



La Joya Independent School District

Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

District Priority: Priority 5 - Integrity & Accountability

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Resolution Authorizing Participation in Practical Purchasing Cooperative (PPC)

BACKGROUND:

The District is seeking to participate in the Practical Purchasing Cooperative (PPC), a local government purchasing cooperative established under the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act. Participation in PPC will allow the District to access competitively procured contracts for goods and services, including energy-related services, at pre-negotiated pricing.

RATIONALE:

Participation in the cooperative is expected to provide operational efficiencies and potential cost savings by leveraging cooperative purchasing agreements. The cooperative certifies that its procurement processes comply with applicable state and federal regulations, supporting the District's compliance with Texas Education Code §44.031.

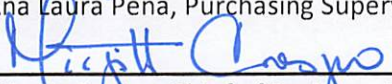
BUDGET:

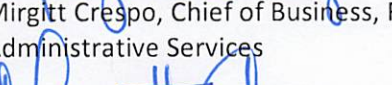
Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
N/A	N/A	Practical Purchasing Cooperative (PPC) Austin, TX
Purchasing Mechanism	Additional Documentation	
N/A	PPC Interlocal Participation Agreement PPC Board Resolution	

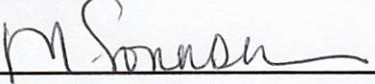
RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of the resolution authorizing the District's participation in the Purchasing Cooperative

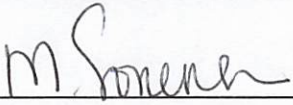
Initiated by: 
Ana Laura Pena, Purchasing Supervisor

Reviewed by: 
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance, and Administrative Services

BF&AS Reviewed by: 
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance, and Administrative Services

Executive Cabinet Review by: 
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**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**


Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

BOARD RESOLUTION

of

La Joya Independent School District

Cooperative Member

WHEREAS, the above-named entity (hereinafter "Cooperative Member") desires to participate in a local government cooperative purchasing program pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, the Interlocal Cooperation Act ("Act") and has elected to be a Cooperative Member in Practical Purchasing Cooperative (PPC) (hereinafter "Cooperative"), a local government purchasing cooperative program created by local governments in accordance with and pursuant to the Act and Section 271.101, *et seq.*, of the Texas Local Government Code;

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Member is of the opinion that participation in the Cooperative's purchasing program will be highly beneficial through the efficiencies and potential savings to be realized; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Member has reviewed the Interlocal Participation Agreement ("Agreement") and seeks to adopt such Agreement in order to become a member of, and participate in, the Cooperative;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Trustees hereby adopts the above-referenced Agreement as presented, thereby becoming a member of Practical Purchasing Cooperative (PPC); and
2. The Board of Trustees of the Cooperative Member authorizes its Board President, Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to execute the Interlocal Participation Agreement which includes the adoption and approval of the Organizational Interlocal Agreement previously executed and adopted by two or more local governments.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board as of the following date:

_____.

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees

PRACTICAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE CONTRACT

This Agreement is made and entered into as of _____ by and between:

- Cooperative Purchasing Organization: *Practical Purchasing Cooperative, 1001 Congress Ave, Ste 250, Austin, TX 78701*, and
- Member: La Joya ISD, 201 E. Expressway 83, La Joya, Texas 78560

1. PURPOSE

This Agreement establishes the terms under which the Member will participate in the Cooperative's purchasing program to acquire all available products and services at pre-negotiated prices.

2. TERM & RENEWAL

- This Agreement shall be effective from _____ to _____.
- Member may renew this agreement by providing written notice prior to the expiration of the Agreement.

3. PRICING & DISCOUNTS

- Member shall receive discounted pricing per the Supplier's negotiated rates.
- For the purposes of purchasing electricity, volume discounts are inherent and included in the pricing structure.
- Administrative fees, if applicable, shall be \$0.00.

4. OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBER

- Member agrees to comply with the purchasing terms and conditions.
- Orders must be placed through the Cooperative's designated process.
- Compliance with all applicable federal and state regulations.
- Any payments by Member arising because of participation in this purchasing program must be made from Member's currently available revenues.

5. OBLIGATION OF THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ORGANIZATION

- The Cooperative Purchasing Organization (the "Cooperative") shall comply with all applicable state and federal procurement laws and regulations in the solicitation, selection, and contracting of vendors whose goods and services are made available through the Cooperative. The Cooperative certifies that all vendors awarded contracts through the Cooperative have been procured in a manner that meets the requirements of the Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, the Texas Local Government Code, and, where applicable, the procurement standards set forth in the Uniform Guidance (2 C.F.R. Part 200) for the expenditure of federal funds.
- The Member is entitled to rely upon the Cooperative's representations and certifications that all procurement processes used by the Cooperative have been conducted in compliance with applicable legal standards. The Cooperative shall indemnify and hold harmless the Member from any liability, loss, or expense resulting from a failure by the Cooperative to comply with such laws and regulations in its procurement activities.

6. COMPLIANCE & LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

- Parties shall comply with applicable laws, including FDA regulations, HIPAA, and Anti-Kickback Statutes.
- Any dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the laws of *The State of Texas*.

7. TERMINATION

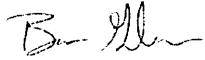
- Either party may terminate with 30 days written notice.
- Immediate termination for breach of contract, regulatory violations, or insolvency.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- Confidentiality: All pricing and purchasing details shall remain confidential, to the extent permitted by law.
- Force Majeure: Neither party shall be liable for delays due to unforeseen circumstances.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

SIGNATURES:



Cooperative: Practical Purchasing Cooperative
Buck Gilcrease, PPC Manager

Member: La Joya Independent School District

Printed Name and Title



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 5 - Operational Excellence and Financial Stability

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval to Set the Date, Time and Place for a Public Meeting to Discuss the 2026-2027 Budget and 2026 Proposed Tax Rate

BACKGROUND:

To set the date, time and place for a public meeting to discuss the 2026-2027 budget and 2026 proposed tax rate. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

RATIONALE:

The La Joya ISD School Board needs to vote on a date, time and place for the Public Meeting to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate. Our district is recommending to hold a public meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Administration Staff Development Board Room at the Nellie Schunior Administration Building.

BUDGET:

Cost
N/A

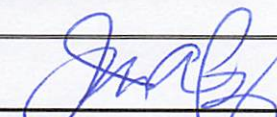
Funding Source
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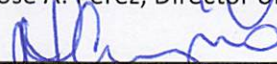
Vendor
N/A

Purchasing Mechanism
N/A

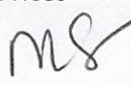
Additional Documentation
Sample of Notice of Public Meeting

RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends approval

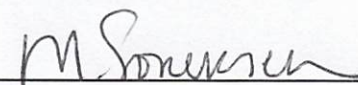
Initiated by: 
Jose A. Perez, Director of Budget

Reviewed by: 
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services

BF&AS Reviewed by: 
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance & Administrative Services

Executive Cabinet Review by: 
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**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**


Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The LA JOYA ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:30 P.M. June 22, 2022 in Central Administration at Nellie Schunior, Staff Development Center - 200 W Expressway 83, La Joya, TX 78560. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

Maintenance Tax	\$0.9746/\$100 (proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.2954/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories.

Maintenance and operations	-4.53 % decrease
Debt Service	0.27 % increase
Total Expenditures	-4.22 % decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$4,049,528,616	\$4,764,153,563
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$196,983,762	\$83,951,536
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$2,966,025,842	\$3,559,736,790
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$125,573,926	\$76,214,721

*Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$0

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.9920	\$0.2742	\$1.2662	\$1,844	\$10,508
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.1133	\$0.2772	\$1.3905	\$2,140	\$10,271
Proposed Rate	\$0.9746	\$0.2954	\$1.2700	\$1,852	\$10,386

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$104,647	\$121,569
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$79,647	\$81,569
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.2662	\$1.2700
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$1,008.49	\$1,035.93
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$27.44

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Voter-Approval Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.2700. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the voter-approval rate of \$1.2700.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment.

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$111,356,346
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$2,757,959

A school district may not increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate to create a surplus in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the purpose of paying the district's debt service.



La Joya Independent School District

Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 4 - Community, Trust, Unity and Partnership

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Report on Spot Checks & Quality of Instruction Update (Goals 1-4)

BACKGROUND:

Ongoing spot checks across campuses indicate steady progress in strengthening the quality of instruction aligned to Goals 1-4. Observations show increased implementation of standards-aligned lesson objectives, improved use of formative assessments, and more consistent student engagement strategies. Instructional practices are becoming more data-driven, with teachers adjusting lessons based on student needs and performance trends.

RATIONALE:

Targeted feedback and coaching continue to support teachers in refining instructional delivery, particularly in differentiation and rigor. While growth is evident, continued focus is needed on ensuring consistent depth of instruction and alignment across all grade levels and content areas. Overall, the updates reflect positive momentum toward meeting district goals, with systems in place for ongoing monitoring and support.

BUDGET:

Cost
N/A

Funding Source
N/A

Vendor
N/A

Purchasing Mechanism
N/A

Additional Documentation
N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of Report on Spot Checks & Quality of Instruction Update (Goals 1-4).

Initiated by:

M. Sorensen
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**

Reviewed by:

M. Sorensen

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

BF&AS

Reviewed by:

Executive
Cabinet

Review by:

MS
Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools



La Joya Independent School District Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 4 - Community, Trust, Unity and Partnership

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of the Lone Star Governance Time Use Tracker Report - May 6, 2026

BACKGROUND:

The most effective school boards focus on improving student outcomes and codify their commitment to this by tracking how they spend their time during board meetings, spending upwards of 50% of their time discussing student outcomes. When we track how we spend our time, our board behaviors begin to become more closely aligned with our values. By adopting a vision, mission, goals, goal progress measures and constraints that are focused on improving student outcomes, we have shared what is important to us with our community and board behaviors should reflect such a focus by spending at least 50% of their time discussing student outcomes.

RATIONALE:

Approval of the LSG Board Monitoring Schedule will ensure we are in compliance with the Lone Star Governance Texas

BUDGET:

<i>Cost</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Vendor</i>
N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Purchasing Mechanism</i>	<i>Additional Documentation</i>	
N/A	Time Use Tracker Report	

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of the Lone Star Governance Time Use Tracker Report - May 6, 2026.

Initiated by:


Mari Elizondo, School Board Administrative Assistant

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**

Reviewed by:



Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

BF&AS
Reviewed by:

Executive
Cabinet
Review by:


Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent of Schools

TIME USE TRACKER		La Joya ISD		QTR:	4	Date:	05/06/26
Framework Pillars	Student Outcome Minutes	Adult Behavior Minutes	The board tracks its time spent during public authorized meetings				Other Topic Minutes
Vision and Goals	64		← Minutes setting student outcome goals				
			← Minutes setting constraints or theories of action				
Progress and Accountability			← Minutes receiving, discussing, and voting on Student Outcome Goal Monitoring Reports according to the board adopted Monitoring Calendar				
		23	← Minutes receiving, discussing, and voting on Constraint Monitoring Reports according to the board adopted Monitoring Calendar				
			← Minutes evaluating the superintendent on student outcome goals, GPMs, constraints, and CPMs				
		22	← Minutes performing board self-evaluations using the LSG Integrity Instrument				
Systems and Processes	Minutes discussing, debating, and voting on other agenda items (including consent agenda items) →						3
Advocacy and Engagement	31		← Minutes hosting two-way communication meetings on student outcome goals, constraints, theories of action and/or progress toward student outcome goals				
			← Minutes recognizing the accomplishments of students and staff regarding progress on student outcome goals				
Synergy and Teamwork	Minutes fulfilling statutorily required public hearings, forums, and comments Minutes fulfilling statutorily required or Lone Star Governance workshops Minutes in closed session as permitted by law						
Other	Any time spent on an activity that does not meet the conditions listed above →						4
TOTALS	95	45	147				7
Use For Student Outcome and Adult Behavior Minutes Percentage Calculation: 140 ÷ 147 × 100 = 95.24% % Student Outcome and Adult Behavior Minutes							
Use For Student Outcome Minutes Percentage Calculation: 95 ÷ 147 × 100 = 64.63% % Student Outcome Minutes							

Trustees Present	Trustees Absent	% Attendance
6	1	85.71%

Count of 'Other' Agenda Items
0

Goals Discussed	Goals on Target	% on Target
0	0	0.00%

Consent Items	Consent Items Removed	% Remaining on Consent Agenda
12	0	100.00%

GPMs Discussed	GPMs on Target	% on Target
0	0	0.00%



La Joya Independent School District

Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 5 - Operational Excellence and Financial Stability

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Declare Obsolete/Damaged/Scrap Property as Surplus Property and Authorize Sale of Surplus Property Items (Portables) via Online Public Auction

BACKGROUND:

The Operations and Infrastructure department periodically reviews and assesses equipment, furniture, and other property to determine continued usability and value. Items identified as obsolete, damaged, or beyond repair are recommended for disposal in accordance with district policy and state guidelines.

RATIONALE:

It is recommended that these items be declared as surplus/scrap property and sold through an online public auction. Buyers will be allotted three (3) business days to remove purchased items from the auction site. Thereafter, the District reserves the right to appropriately dispose of any unsold items.

BUDGET:

Cost
N/A

Funding Source
N/A

Vendor
N/A

Purchasing Mechanism
N/A

Additional Documentation
N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval to hold an online public auction on the following dates:

Initiated by:


Reynaldo Cedillo, Executive Director for Operations and Campus Maintenance

Reviewed by:


S.B. Pierson, Chief of Operations and Infrastructure

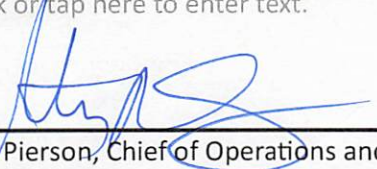
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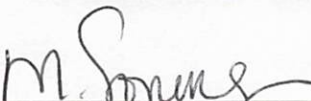
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Executive Cabinet

Review by:


S.B. Pierson, Chief of Operations and Infrastructure

Approved for Submission to the Board of Education:


Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools

La Joya ISD

Portables List

2022-2023

Elementary Schools	Number of Portables	Condition	Received	Being Used	Cost	Tag #
Benavides Elementary	0					
Chapa Elementary	1 ✓	1 good	07/12/89	No	\$ 18,139.45	
Sam Fordyce Elementary	1	1 good	08/11/84	No	\$ 18,660.44	
	1 ✓	1 good	09/01/77	No	\$ 9,726.18	
	1	1 good	08/11/84	No	\$ 18,660.44	
Tabasco Elementary	0					
JFK Elementary	1 ✓	1 good	7/82	No	\$ 9,726.16	
Clinton Elementary	0					
Pena Elementary	0					
Cavazos Elementary	0					
Kika De La Garza Elementary	1	1 good	07/12/89	No	\$ 18,139.45	
	1 ✓	1 fair	07/28/87	No	\$ 17,230.45	
	1	1 fair	07/28/87	No	\$ 17,230.45	
Diaz/Villarreal Elementary	1	1 good	07/12/89	No	\$ 18,139.45	
	1 ✓	1 good	07/12/85	No	\$ 51,697.36	
Escandon Elementary	1	1 good	07/09/78	Yes	\$ 18,136.33	
	1 ✓	1 good	07/09/78	Yes	\$ 18,136.33	
	1	1 good	07/28/87	No	\$ 17,230.45	
Flores Elementary	1	1 good	07/09/78	No	\$ 18,136.33	
	1	1 good	06/07/73	No	\$ 11,215.65	
	1 ✓	1 good	06/07/73	No	\$ 11,215.65	
	1	1 good	07/09/78	Yes	\$ 18,136.33	
	1	1 good	07/09/78	Yes	\$ 18,136.33	
Gonzales Elementary	0					
Leo Elementary	1	1 good	07/01/87	No	\$ 18,136.33	
	1 ✓	1 good	07/12/86	No	\$ 16,130.12	
	1	1 good	07/12/86	No	\$ 16,130.12	
	1	1 good	07/12/86	No	\$ 16,130.33	
	1	1 good	09/01/79	No	\$ 10,375.30	
Perez Elementary	0					
Reyna Elementary	0					

La Joya ISD

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Zapata Elementary	1	1 good	07/09/78	Yes	\$ 18,136.33	
	1	1 good	07/09/78	Yes	\$ 18,136.33	
Seguin Elementary	1	1 condemned	08/02/81	No	\$ 12,745.00	
	1	1 condemned	08/02/86	No	\$ 13,840.00	
Camarena Elementary	0					
Paredes Elementary	0					
Bentsen Elementary	1	1 good	07/12/86	No	\$ 16,130.12	
	1	1 fair	06/09/87	No	\$ 9,694.00	
	1	1 fair	06/09/88	No	\$ 9,694.00	
	1	1 good	07/12/86	No	\$ 16,130.12	
Evangelina Garza Elementary	1	1 good	06/21/89	No	\$ 18,749.00	
	1	1 good	12/09/86	No	\$ 9,694.00	
Mendiola Elementary	1	1 good	07/09/78	Yes	\$ 18,136.33	
	1	1 good	07/01/89	Yes	\$ 18,136.33	
				Total	\$ 583,816.99	
TOTAL at Elementary	35					
Middle Schools	Number of	Condition	Received	Being Used	Cost	Tag #
	Portables					
Memorial Middle School	0					
Richards Middle School	1	1 good	07/29/80	No	\$ 12,867.64	
	1	1 good	06/01/85	No	\$ 15,611.00	
Saenz Middle School	1	1 good	08/02/81	No	\$ 13,840.00	
	1	1 good	08/02/81	No	\$ 13,840.00	
De Zavala Middle School	0					
J D Salinas Middle School	1	1 good	08/24/87	Yes	\$ 18,136.33	
	1	1 good	06/01/85	Yes	\$ 15,116.10	
	1	1 good	06/19/85	Yes	\$ 15,116.10	
	1	1 good	07/12/89	No	\$ 18,139.45	
	1	1 good	08/02/81	No	\$ 15,650.00	
	1	1 good	06/09/85	No	\$ 10,375.30	
	1	1 good	12/09/86	No	\$ 9,694.00	
Garcia Middle School	0					
Trevino Middle School	1	1 good	06/21/85	Yes	\$ 21,465.45	
	1	1 good	06/21/85	Yes	\$ 21,465.45	
	1	1 good	06/21/85	Yes	\$ 21,465.45	
	1	1 good	08/02/81	Yes	\$ 12,745.00	
				Total	\$ 235,527.27	

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Portables List

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High Schools	Number of Portables	Condition	Received	Being Used	Cost	Tag #
	1	1 good	08/02/96	Yes	\$ 32,565.00	
	1	1 good	08/02/81	Yes	\$ 16,895.00	
	1	1 good	08/02/81	Yes	\$ 16,895.00	
	1	1 good	08/02/81	Yes	\$ 16,895.00	
	1	1 good	08/02/81	Yes	\$ 16,895.00	
	1	1 good	08/02/86	Yes	\$ 13,840.00	
	1	1 good	08/02/81	Yes	\$ 15,650.00	
Juarez Lincoln High School	1	1 good	08/11/84	Yes	\$ 18,660.44	
	1	1 good	05/01/90	Yes	\$ 23,165.15	
	1	1 good	06/01/85	Yes	\$ 23,165.15	
	1	1 good	06/01/85	Yes	\$ 15,116.10	
	1	1 good	06/01/85	Yes	\$ 15,116.10	
	1	1 good	07/01/89	Yes	\$ 18,136.33	
	1	1 good	06/01/85	Yes	\$ 15,116.10	
	1	1 good	06/01/85	Yes	\$ 15,116.10	
Palmview High School	1	1 good	08/01/93	Yes	\$ 15,978.00	
	1	1 good	08/01/93	Yes	\$ 15,978.00	
	1	1 good	08/01/93	Yes	\$ 15,978.00	
	1	1 good	08/01/95	Yes	\$ 16,294.00	
	1	1 good	08/01/95	Yes	\$ 16,294.00	
	1	1 good	07/19/72	Yes	\$ 8,459.24	
West Academy	1	1 good	07/09/87	Yes	\$ 10,895.00	
	1	1 good	07/29/80	No	\$ 12,867.64	
	1	1 good	07/09/87	Yes	\$ 10,895.00	
Hope Academy	1	1 condemned	12/09/86	No	\$ 9,694.00	
	1	1 condemned	12/09/86	No	\$ 9,694.00	
				Total	\$ 416,253.35	
TOTAL High Schools	27					
TOTAL at all Campuses	77					
Administration	Number of Portables	Condition	Received	Being Used	Cost	Tag #
	1	1 good	06/01/85	Yes	\$ 15,116.10	Compliance
	1	1 good	06/01/85	Yes	\$ 15,116.10	Palm
	1	1 good	07/01/89	Yes	\$ 18,136.33	Palm
	1	1 good	08/02/81	Yes	\$ 15,650.00	LJ
	1	1 good	08/02/81	Yes	\$ 15,650.00	LJ
	1	1 good	08/02/81	Yes	\$ 15,611.10	JL inventory
	1	1 excellent	07/12/89	No	\$ 25,500.00	Clinic
	1	1 excellent	07/12/89	No	\$ 25,500.00	Clinic
Business and Finance	1	1 good	12/09/86	Yes	\$ 9,694.00	

La Joya ISD
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TOTAL at Middle Schools	15					
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La Joya Independent School District

Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

Strategic Priority: Priority 5 - Operational Excellence and Financial Stability

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Approval of Maintenance of Open and Closed Loops / Cooling Tower / Boiler System CSP#2026-72

BACKGROUND:

The district maintains open loop, closed loop, cooling tower, and boiling systems through routine maintenance to ensure reliable HVAC performance, prevent equipment failures.

RATIONALE:

To provide the District with a source for the maintenance and repair of the district-wide chilled water and boiler systems. This proposal will allow for the proper chemical treatment, cleaning and maintenance of sensitive systems as necessary to ensure that all systems are in premium operable condition. The introduction of chemicals to these systems is sensitive, specialized and important equipment longevity.

BUDGET:

Cost
\$64,800.00

Funding Source
199-51-6299-01-961-7-99-000

Vendor
Garratt-Callahan Company

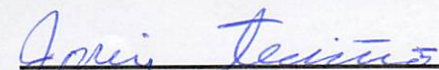
Purchasing Mechanism
CSP #2026-72

Additional Documentation
Agreement, Tabsheet

RECOMMENDATION:

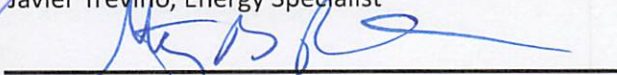
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Initiated by:


Javier Trevino, Energy Specialist

Reviewed

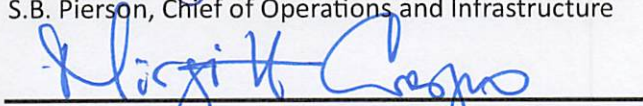
by:


S.B. Pierson, Chief of Operations and Infrastructure

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Reviewed

by:


Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance, and Administrative Services

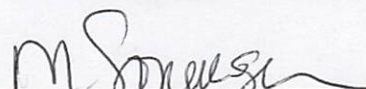
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Review by:


S.B. Pierson, Chief of Operations and Infrastructure

**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**


Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools



La Joya Independent School District
Maintenance of Open & Closed Loop/Cooling Tower/ Boiler System CSP #2026-72 Tabsheet

Garratt-Callahan Company Farmers Branch, TX	
Total Price	\$64,800.00

Line #	Description	QTY	UOM	Unit	Extended
1	Category A - Quarterly Maintenance Fee of Maintenance of Chilled Water Systems & Boilers	4	Quarterly	\$16,200.00	\$64,800.00
Recommendation:				Recommended	



AGREEMENT FOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR/CONSULTING SERVICES

This Agreement for Independent Contractor/Consulting Services ("Agreement") is made by and between Garratt-Callahan Company with offices located at 13721 Welch Road, Farmers Branch, TX 75244 ("Consultant") and La Joya Independent School District, a Texas public Independent School District located at 200 W. Expressway 83, La Joya, Texas, 78560 ("LJISD" or the "District") (collectively referred to as the "Parties" or individually as the "Party"), acting herein by and through their respectively authorized officers or employees.

Maintenance of Open & Closed Loop/Cooling Tower/Boiler System CSP #2026-72

AGREEMENT

1.0 Term

This Agreement shall be effective as of June 1, 2026 and end on May 31, 2027, it is duly executed by both parties ("Effective Date") and shall remain in effect for a one-year ("Term"), unless terminated earlier as provided herein.

2.0 Termination

2.1 This Agreement shall automatically terminate at the end of the Term or any renewal terms.

2.2 This Agreement may be terminated prior to the expiration of the Term as follows:

By the District, for convenience, with or without cause, immediately upon written notice, in which case Consultant shall be paid for services rendered up to termination at a pro rated amount proportionate to the Fees (defined below) earned for Services performed prior to termination; or

By either party immediately if the other party commits a breach of any of the material terms of this Agreement; provided that the breaching party has first been provided written notice of the breach and a thirty (30)-day opportunity to cure.

3.0 Services and Fees

3.1 Consultant shall provide the Services set forth more particularly on the attached Exhibit A ("Services") in exchange for the fees also described in Exhibit A. Consultant shall invoice the District within thirty (30) days of the date the Services are performed, and payment will be due within thirty (30) days of the District's receipt of an invoice, subject to the Texas Prompt Payment Act.

3.2 The Services shall be performed in a commercially reasonable manner. Consultant covenants that in performing the Services, it shall: a) comply with all federal, state and local statutes, codes, rules, regulations and guidelines including but not limited to safety and health matters, b) comply with any applicable generally accepted appraising standards, protocols and guidelines or other relevant professional standards, c) perform the Services in a professional manner, and d) perform all requirements that are generally performed by similar professionals in conducting the type of services required by this Agreement.

3.3 The Services shall be performed on a non-exclusive basis. The District shall not be required to retain Consultant to perform any additional services not specifically set forth herein. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the District in its sole discretion may select any other consultant of its choosing upon a decision by the District to conduct similar services. In performing the Services, Consultant shall identify necessary information that should be provided by the District and related processes required to accurately perform the Services and shall provide needed advice to the District in relation to such information and processes.

4.0 Confidentiality

4.1 Consultant shall take reasonable precautions so that access to information relating to the Services is limited to those persons within its employ or under contract with Consultant for whom it is necessary and appropriate. Any release of information outside of those mentioned herein must be immediately reported to the District. All communications pursuant to this agreement whether oral or written between the Consultant and the District, as well as any documents or reports generated during or as a part of the Services shall be regarded by Consultant as confidential unless otherwise determined by the District or as provided by any applicable law or District policies, including without limitation the Texas Public Information Act or the Texas Open Meetings Act. To this end, Consultant shall keep all such communications and information confidential, except as provided by the District.

4.2 Consultant's employees/contractors shall not create or otherwise access, obtain, or use photographs or videos of LJISD students during or after the provision of Services under this Agreement absent express written consent from a student's parent or legal guardian.

5.0 Criminal History Record Checks

5.1 To the extent permitted by law, Consultant shall obtain all criminal history information required by Texas Education Code Chapter 22 regarding its "covered employees," as defined below. If Consultant is required by Chapter 22 to obtain the information from the Fingerprint-based Applicant Clearinghouse of Texas, then Consultant, to the extent permitted by law, will also subscribe to that person's criminal history record information. Before beginning any work under this Agreement, Consultant will provide written certification to the District that Consultant has complied with the statutory requirements as of that date, or, in the event Consultant is not legally permitted to comply with such requirements, Consultant shall cooperate with the District as set forth below. Upon request by District, Consultant will provide, in writing, updated certifications and the names of any other requested information regarding covered employees, so that the District may obtain criminal history recommended information to the covered employees. Consultant shall assume all expenses associated with obtaining criminal history record information.

5.2 Consultant will not assign any “covered employee” with a “disqualifying criminal history,” as those terms are defined below, to work under this Agreement. If Consultant receives information that a covered employee has a reported disqualifying criminal history, including any such information shared by District, then Consultant will immediately remove the covered employee from District property and notify the District in writing within three (3) business days. If the District objects to the assignment of any covered employee on the basis of the covered employee’s criminal history record information, then Consultant agrees to discontinue using that covered employee to provide services at the District. If Consultant has taken precautions or imposed conditions to ensure that the employees of Consultant will not become covered employees, Consultant will ensure that these precautions or conditions continue throughout the time the contracted services are provided.

5.3 For the purposes of this Section, “covered employees” means employees, agents, or subcontractors of Consultant or any of Consultant’s consultants who has or will have continuing duties related to the services to be performed under this Agreement and has or will have direct contact with District’s students. The District will decide what constitutes direct contact with District’s students. “Disqualifying criminal history” means any conviction or other criminal history information designated by the District, or one of the following offenses; if at the time of the offense, the victim was under 18 years of age or enrolled in a public school; a felony offense under Texas Penal Code Title 5 Offense Against Persons; an offense for which a defendant is required to register as a sex offender under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 62; or an equivalent offense under federal law or the laws of another state.

5.4 Any subcontractor entity, as defined by Texas Education Code § 22.08341(a)(3), shall be, to the extent permitted by law, required by the terms of their contract with Consultant or any other contracting entity (as defined in Texas Education Code § 22.08341(a)(1)), and by Texas law, to obtain the required criminal history record information on their employees, agents, or applicants, to give required certification to District and the contracting entities, and to obtain required certifications from the subcontracting entity’s subcontractors.

5.5 On request of District, Consultant shall provide all necessary identifying information to allow District to obtain criminal history record information for covered employees/contractors of the Consultant and all subcontracting entities. Consultant shall update this list on District’s request. Consultant shall further cooperate in all respects with any reasonable request by District to assist District in obtaining criminal history record information on the employees/contractors of Consultant, including without limitation paying any fees or costs reasonably requested by District to enable District to obtain needed criminal history record information.

6.0 Licenses and Technical Matters.

6.1 Consultant represents that where appropriate each and every employee of Consultant and/or any contractor of Consultant that is participating in the provision of Services has the capability, experience, means and appropriate licenses and permits required to perform the Services contemplated by this Agreement to the extent applicable to such individual or contractor. Consultant represents that it is aware of and in full compliance with the laws of Texas, if any, for the licensing and certification of any professionals providing the Services. Upon request, Consultant must provide evidence to the District that any applicable professional license is current

and in good standing. Consultant must contact the District immediately if such license status has changed. Upon request, Consultant shall provide the District with the identity of all individual employees or contractors involved with performing the Services.

7.0 Indemnity

CONSULTANT WILL DEFEND (WITH COUNSEL REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE DISTRICT), INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE DISTRICT AND ITS AFFILIATES, AND EACH AND ALL OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, PARTNERS, TRUSTEES, REGENTS AND AGENTS, FROM AND AGAINST ALL THIRD PARTY CLAIMS, LOSSES, LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPERT WITNESS FEES AND COURT COSTS, TO THE EXTENT ARISING OUT OF CONSULTANT'S ACT OR OMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGREEMENT OR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES.

8.0 Liability

No Party assumes the liability for the duties and/or responsibilities under control of the other Party or for the actions of the employees of the other Party.

9.0 Immunity as a Defense; Deficiency Debt

Neither Party waives or relinquishes any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, its trustees, officers, employees, and/or agents as a result of its execution of this Agreement and performance of the functions or obligations described herein. Furthermore, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create a claim or cause of action against either Party for which it is not otherwise liable, or to waive any immunity or defense to which either Party may be entitled, or to create an impermissible deficiency debt of either Party.

10.0 Notices

Notices under this Agreement shall be in writing, via certified mail return receipt requested, facsimile or electronic mail, and shall be delivered to the other Party at the following respective addresses, including any indicated email address:

LJISD: La Joya Independent School District
200 W. Expressway 83
La Joya, TX 78560
Attn: Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent
Email: m.sorensen@lajoyaisd.net

CONSULTANT: Name of Vendor
Address
City, State, Zip Code
Attn: Contact Person
Email:

11.0 Relationship

The relationship between the Parties is that of Independent Contractors; neither Party has the authority to bind the other in any manner. Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed as creating or establishing the relationship of employer and employee between the Parties and/or their respective employees. This Agreement does not create a joint venture, business partnership or agency relationship between the Parties.

12.0 Non-Discrimination

The Parties, in performing this Agreement, shall not discriminate against any person based on race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, familial status, or any other protected class.

13.0 Jurisdiction/Venue

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and venue for all disputes arising under this Agreement shall lie in Hidalgo County, Texas.

14.0 Assignment

No party shall assign or otherwise transfer its interest in this Agreement without the express written permission of the other Party.

15.0 Severability

If any portion of this Agreement shall be declared illegal or held unenforceable for any reason, the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect and this Agreement shall be liberally construed to carry out the intent of the Parties.

16.0 Entire Agreement; Severability; Further Assurances; Waiver

This Agreement, including Exhibit A attached to this Agreement, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements, understandings and negotiations, with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. In the event any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, it is the desire and intention of the Parties that such invalidity or unenforceability not invalidate or render unenforceable the remainder of the Agreement and that such provision be reformed and construed in such a manner that it will, to the maximum extent practicable, be deemed valid and enforceable, and the rights and obligations of the Parties shall be construed and enforced accordingly. Each Party shall execute and deliver such further documents and take such further actions as may be required or reasonably requested by the other Party to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement. Any waiver by any Party of its rights with respect to a default or requirement under this Agreement will not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent default or other matter.

17.0 Warranty

By the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the undersigned individuals warrant that they have been duly authorized by all requisite administrative action to enter into and perform the terms of this Agreement.

18.0 Headings

The captions and headings appearing in this Agreement are inserted merely to facilitate reference and will have no bearing upon its interpretation.

19.0 Amendments

This Agreement may be amended or modified only by written agreement authorized and executed by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.

This Agreement may be executed in multiple originals, each having equal force and effect, on behalf of the parties as follows:

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

LA JOYA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Signature

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Name

Superintendent of Schools
Title

Date

Garratt-Callahan Company

Jose Alanis
Signature

Jose Alanis
Name

Territory Manager
Title

05/06/2026
Date

Exhibit A - Services and Fees

Scope of Services

The vendor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary to maintain and repair chilled water systems and boilers for the District. The vendor shall perform quarterly maintenance, including replacement of filters and chemicals as needed. The initial service shall include cleaning of cooling towers, system inspection, and site water analysis to establish proper treatment. The vendor shall perform repairs on an as-needed basis to ensure systems remain in proper operating condition. All services shall be performed in accordance with applicable standards and manufacturer recommendations.

Fee Structure

The District shall pay the vendor a quarterly fee of \$16,200.00, for a total annual amount of \$64,800.00, for services under Category A.

Repairs and services under Category B shall be provided at no additional cost to the District. The vendor guarantees the premium operable condition of the water treatment systems, with all equipment, repairs, training, service, test kits, and chemicals included in the Category A fee.

Please include proposal or quotation documentation as part of Exhibit A

Funding Source

199-51-6299-01-961-7-99-000



La Joya Independent School District

Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

District Priority: Priority 3 - High Quality Instruction

Agenda Category: Action Item

Item Title: Approval of the District-Wide Technology Devices Quotation #2026-815

BACKGROUND:

Administration is requesting approval of the District-Wide Technology Devices Quotation to provide competitively priced technology devices and related equipment for campuses and departments throughout the District. The quotation was issued to support instructional, administrative, and operational technology needs in accordance with District purchasing procedures and applicable procurement requirements.

RATIONALE:

The term for this proposal is from May 21, 2026 through June 30, 2027. The initial term of this agreement shall be for a period of one year. This agreement may be renewed for one additional one-year term subject to School Board action.

BUDGET:

Cost	Funding Source	Vendor
\$3,000,000 (District-wide)	District-wide Budget Accounts	Dell Technologies Round Rock, TX
Purchasing Mechanism	Additional Documentation	
DIR-CPO-5792/Quotation#2026-815	Tabsheet; Evaluation Matrices	

RECOMMENDATION:

Administration recommends approval of the following vendor providing the best value to the District.

Initiated by: _____
Haissam Mayasi, Chief Information Officer

Reviewed by: _____
Haissam Mayasi, Chief Information Officer

BF&AS Reviewed by: _____
Mirgitt Crespo, Chief of Business, Finance, and Administrative Services

Executive Cabinet Review by: _____
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**Approved for Submission
to the Board of Education:**

Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools



La Joya Independent School District
District-Wide Technology Devices #2026-815 Tabsheet

1 Chromebook - Rugged Education Model								
Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	Recommendation
CDW-G (CDW Government, LLC)	1	EA	\$307.00	\$307.00	Other Add ons: Google Management License \$32. CDW ADP Warranty: 3yr-\$59, 4yr-\$80 and 5yr-\$99. Lenovo ADP Warranty: 3yr-\$101.85 and 4yr-\$140.70	Lenovo 100e Gen 5	83T60006US	
Dell Technologies	1	EA	\$395.00	\$395.00	Regular Chromebook chassis, cases sold separately for rugged use. Price with 3-year warranty as of April 2026 is \$436. Estimated lead time as of April 2026 is 105 business days, excluding locally observed holidays, that can fluctuate depending on many variables and are based on Dell's best efforts.	Dell	CC11260	Recommended
[ALT1] CRC (Computer Repair Center) (Reyna Enterprises Inc)	1	EA	\$535.00	\$535.00		HP Fortis G1m	BV0X3UT	
2 Chromebook - Convertible Touchscreen								
Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	Recommendation
CDW-G (CDW Government, LLC)	1	EA	\$415.50	\$415.50	Other Add ons: Google Management License \$32. CDW ADP Warranty: 3yr-\$59, 4yr-\$80, and 5yr-\$99. Lenovo ADP Warranty: 3yr-\$101.85 and 4yr-\$140.70.	Lenovo 500e Gen 5	83TA0003US	
Dell Technologies	1	EA	\$509.00	\$509.00	Price with 3-year warranty as of April 2026 is \$558. Estimated lead time as of April 2026 is 5 business days, excluding locally observed holidays, that can fluctuate depending on many variables and are based on Dell's best efforts.	Dell	CC11260	Recommended
[ALT1] CRC (Computer Repair Center) (Reyna Enterprises Inc.)	1	EA	\$575.00	\$575.00		HP (Fortis Flip G1m 11.6" Touchscreen Convertible 2 in 1 Chromebook	BV0X9UT	
3 Chromebook - Standard 14"								
Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	Recommendation
CDW-G (CDW Government, LLC)	1	EA	\$370.00	\$370.00	4GB/64GB; other Add ons: Google Management License \$32, CDW ADP Warranty: 3yr-\$59, 4yr-\$80 and 5yr-\$99, and Lenovo ADP Warranty: 3yr-\$101.55 and 4yr-\$164.30.	Lenovo 14e	83SY0003US	

					Price with 3-year warranty as of April 2026 is \$471. Estimated lead time as of April 2026 is 72 business days, excluding locally observed holidays, that can fluctuate depending on many variables and are based on Dell's best efforts.			
Dell Technologies	1	EA	\$427.00	\$427.00		Dell	CC14260	Recommended
Center) (Reyna Enterprises Inc.)	1	EA	\$610.00	\$610.00		128GB	BA7S5UT	

4 Student Laptop								
Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	Recommendation
					Price with 3-year warranty as of April 2026 is \$900. Estimated lead time as of April 2026 is 5 business days, excluding locally observed holidays, that can fluctuate depending on many variables and are based on Dell's best efforts.			
Dell Technologies	1	EA	\$848.00	\$848.00		Dell	PC14250	Recommended
CRC (Computer Repair Center) (Reyna Enterprises Inc.)	1	EA	\$975.00	\$975.00	P/N AT6F2AV 14" Notebook - WUXGA - 60 Hz - Intel Core Ultra 5 225U - 16 GB - 256 GB SSD - English Keyboard - Pike Silver	HP ProBook 4 Gli	WUXGA	
[ALT1] CDW-G (CDW Government, LLC.)	1	EA	\$1,003.00	\$1,003.00		Lenovo Thinkbook 14 G9	21UY0000US	
CDW-G (CDW Government, LLC)	1	EA	\$1,126.90	\$1,126.90	i5. 16gb, 256GB CDW. Warranty including ADP coverage: 3yr-\$120, 4yr-\$140 and 5yr-\$180.	Lenovo E14 Gen 6	21M3000NUS	

5 Student Desktop (Lab Use)								
Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	Recommendation
					Price with 3-year warranty as of April 2026 is \$872. Estimated lead time as of April 2026 is 5 business days, excluding locally observed holidays, that can fluctuate depending on many variables and are based on Dell's best efforts.			
Dell Technologies	1	EA	\$816.00	\$816.00		Dell	QCS1250	Recommended
CRC (Computer Repair Center) (Reyna Enterprises Inc.)	1	EA	\$995.00	\$995.00		HP	D32MZAT	
CDW-G (CDW Government, LLC)	1	EA	\$1,115.50	\$1,115.50	i5, 16gb, 512gb	Lenovo Neo 50s Gen 6	13DQ001RUS	

6 Student Monitor								
Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	Recommendation
					Estimated lead time as of April 2026 is 5 business days, excluding locally observed holidays, that can fluctuate depending on many variables and are based on Dell's best efforts.			
Dell Technologies	1	EA	\$87.00	\$87.00		Dell	E2225HSM	Recommended
CDW-G (CDW Government, LLC)	1	EA	\$96.50	\$96.50		Lenovo ThinkVision S22	64CBKAT6US	
Advantage Imaging Supply, Inc.	1	EA	\$99.11	\$99.11		Acer Vero V7 V227Q	UM.WV7AA.H01	
CRC (Computer Repair Center) (Reyna Enterprises Inc.)	1	EA	\$110.00	\$110.00		HP Series 3 Pro	9U5B0UT	

7	Teacher/Admin Laptop								
	Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	
						Price with 3-year warranty as of April 2026 is \$977. Estimated lead time as of April 2026 is 5 business days, excluding locally observed holidays, that can fluctuate depending on many variables and are based on Dell's best efforts.			
	Dell Technologies	1	EA	\$934.00	\$934.00		Dell	PC14250	Recommended
	[ALT1] CDW-G (CDW Government, LLC)	1	EA	\$1,003.00	\$1,003.00		Lenovo Thinkbook 14 Gen 9	21UY0000US	
	Advantage Imaging Supply, Inc.	1	EA	\$1,145.36	\$1,145.36		Asus ExpertBook B1 B1403	B1403CVA-XS54	
	CDW-G (CDW Government, LLC)	1	EA	\$1,164.90	\$1,164.90	i5,16GB,256GBCDW. Warranty including ADP coverage: 3yr-\$32, 4yr-\$42 and 5yr-\$95.	ThinkPad E14 Gen 7	21T9002FUS	
	CRC (Computer Repair Center) (Reyna Enterprises Inc.)	1	EA	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		HP EliteBook 6 G1i	C2NL8UT	

8	Teacher/Admin Desktop								
	Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	
						Price with 3-year warranty as of April 2026 is \$983. Estimated lead time as of April 2026 is 5 business days, excluding locally observed holidays, that can fluctuate depending on many variables and are based on Dell's best efforts.			
	Dell Technologies	1	EA	\$925.00	\$925.00		Dell	QCS1250	Recommended
	CDW-G (CDW Government, LLC)	1	EA	\$1,115.50	\$1,115.50	i5, 16gb, 512gb	Lenovo Neo 50s Gen 6	13DQ001RUS	
	CRC (Computer Repair Center) (Reyna Enterprises Inc)	1	EA	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00		HP	D32MZAT	
	Advantage Imaging Supply, Inc	1	EA	\$1,265.41	\$1,265.41		50a 27 Gen 5	12SB003GUS	

9	Teacher/Admin Monitor								
	Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	
						Estimated lead time as of April 2026 is 5 business days, excluding locally observed holidays, that can fluctuate depending on many variables and are based on Dell's best efforts.			
	Dell Technologies	1	EA	\$146.00	\$146.00		Dell	P2726H	Recommended
	CRC (Computer Repair Center) (Reyna Enterprises Inc)	1	EA	\$155.00	\$155.00		HP Series 5	B0CG3UT	
	CDW-G (CDW Government, LLC)	1	EA	\$204.00	\$204.00		Lenovo ThinkVision T27	64A5MAT6UZ	
	Advantage Imaging Supply, Inc.	1	EA	\$237.24	\$237.24		Dell	DELL-P2725H	

10	Audio Solution								
	Supplier	QTY	UOM	Unit Price	Extended	Supplier Notes	Manufacturer	Manufacturer #	
						Estimated lead time as of April 2026 is 5 business days, excluding locally observed holidays, that can fluctuate depending on many variables and are based on Dell's best efforts.			
	Dell Technologies	1	EA	\$26.00	\$26.00		Dell	SB521A	Recommended
	CDW-G (CDW Government, LLC)	1	EA	\$30.50	\$30.50		MS30	4XD1J05151	
	CRC (Computer Repair Center) (Reyna Enterprises Inc)	1	EA	\$45.00	\$45.00		HP S101	5UU40AA	
	Advantage Imaging Supply, Inc.	1	EA	\$45.09	\$45.09		Dell	DELL-SB521A	



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District-Wide Technology Devices Quotation #2026-815
Chromebook - Standard 14"
Evaluation

Supplier	Rank	Score	Federally Funded	Purchase Price	Reputation	Quality	Meet District's Needs	HUB Impact	Total Cost of Ownership	Environmentally Sensitive	Delivery Requirements	District Community Involvement	Litigation	Other
		100	35.00	5.00	10.00	13.00	0.00	7.00	2.00	7.00	3.00	6.00	12.00	
Dell Technologies	1	93.08	30.33	5.00	10.00	13.00	0.00	7.00	2.00	7.00	0.75	6.00	12.00	
CDW-G	2	74.50	35.00	3.50	5.75	7.00	0.00	4.75	1.75	5.00	0.25	4.50	7.00	

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La Joya Independent School District
District-Wide Technology Devices Quotation #2026-815
Chromebook - Rugged Education Model
Evaluation

Supplier	Rank	Score	Federally Funded	Purchase Price	Reputation	Quality	Meet District's Needs	HUB Impact	Total Cost of Ownership	Environmentally Sensitive	Delivery Requirements	District Community Involvement	Litigation	Other
	1	89.95	35.00	5.00	10.00	13.00	0.00	7.00	2.00	7.00	3.00	6.00	12.00	
Dell Technologies	2	76.25	27.20	5.00	10.00	13.00	0.00	7.00	2.00	7.00	0.75	6.00	12.00	
CDW-G			35.00	3.50	6.50	6.00	0.00	5.50	1.50	5.50	0.25	4.50	8.00	

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**La Joya Independent School District
District-Wide Technology Devices Quotation #2026-815
Chromebook - Convertible Touchscreen
Evaluation**

Supplier	Rank	Score	Federally Funded	Purchase Price	Reputation	Quality	Meet District's Needs	HUB Impact	Total Cost of Ownership	Environmentally Sensitive	Delivery Requirements	District Community Involvement	Litigation	Other
		100												
Dell Technologies	1	91.32	35.00	5.00	10.00	13.00	0.00	7.00	2.00	7.00	0.75	6.00	12.00	
CDW-G	2	74.00	35.00	3.25	5.75	7.00	0.00	4.75	1.50	5.00	0.25	4.50	7.00	

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La Joya Independent School District

Board Agenda Item Submission

Board of Education Meeting: May 20, 2026

District Priority:
Priority 5 - Integrity & Accountability

Agenda Category: Consent Item

Item Title: Consider and Take Possible Action to Nonrenew and Terminate Chapter 21 Contracts

BACKGROUND: This is the second of two steps necessary to separate employment with Chapter 21 contract employees who were proposed for nonrenewal and/or termination at the Board meeting on April 22, 2026.

RATIONALE: This step is required to finalize the Board's proposed actions and ensure all intended employee separation are legally enforceable.

BUDGET:

Cost
N/A

Funding Source
N/A

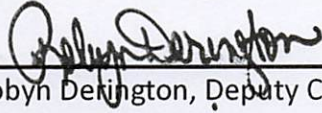
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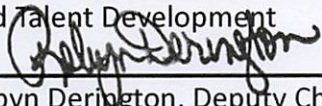
Additional Documentation
N/A

RECOMMENDATION: The Administration recommends that the Board nonrenew and terminate Chapter 21 contracts as presented in closed session.

Initiated
by:


Robyn Derington, Deputy Chief of Strategic Initiatives
and Talent Development

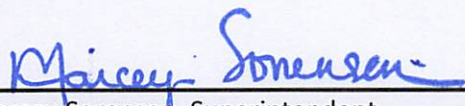
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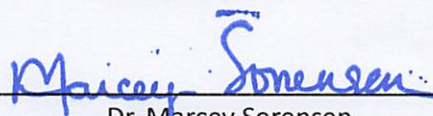
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by:

Executive
Cabinet

Review by:


Dr. Marcey Sorensen, Superintendent

**Approved for Submission
to Board of Education:**


Dr. Marcey Sorensen
Superintendent of Schools