

## GCCISD seeks volunteers for facilities planning committee

The Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees is seeking community volunteers to provide facility planning input and recommendations for both short-term and long-term projects.

Chiefly, the role of committee members will be to research and potentially recommend a future bond election to the administration.

The committee's work will include a periodic evaluation of — and input to — the District's ongoing facility planning activities. Activities will include reviewing district enrollment trends, reviewing existing schools and buildings for current and future needs, and advising the district on financing capital improvements and myriad program accommodations.

A typical meeting will include a staff presentation on the status of one or more planning issues, followed by an opportunity for committee comment. Staff will review committee input and include it in the planning process.

Goose Creek's continued growth rate across the district coupled with the increasing construction of neighborhoods north of Interstate 10 has accelerated the need for new schools.

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Since the last bond election during the 2004-2005 school year, Goose Creek CISD's student enrollment has grown by 2,350, an 11 percent increase.

Last year's student enrollment was 21,675 and should be well over 22,000 this year. Because of overcrowding, the District has capped enrollment at Harlem and Walker elementary schools this year.

Aside from adding seats and schools, maintaining the district's facilities and keeping schools in the very best of condition is critical to a successful learning environment.

The facilities planning committee is expected to meet about 10 times between September and January.

No previous experience in construction or facility management is required.

If you are interested in becoming an active committee member or willing to help out in any way, please call Candy Kovalcik in the Deputy Superintendent's Office at 281-420-4808 or email her at cakovalcik@gccisd.net.

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