



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

With eye toward future, GCCISD forms Facilities Planning Committee

The Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees has established a citizens committee to prioritize and recommend a list of capital projects to meet the District's growth and replacement needs for the next five to 10 years.

The committee includes volunteers, educators, parents, community members, and local taxpayers who were recommended by trustees, the superintendent, and administrators.

See membership list [here](#).

"The District values and appreciates the time, effort, and input each committee member will bring to this important work," said Goose Creek CISD Superintendent Dr. Salvador Cavazos.

"Welcoming, well-maintained, and safe schools are vital to helping ensure that all students have a positive learning environment in which they can succeed and thrive."

The committee will meet with District staff, architects, engineers, and demographers to help chart the District's long-term course for addition, renovation, and replacement of instructional facilities, support facilities, major mechanical systems, technology, and buses.

Ultimately, the committee will advise the District on current and future facility issues affecting Goose Creek CISD facilities and their impact on student education.

Facilities Planning Committee Chairman Gilbert Santana says the District is at a point where "we need to look at facility planning that will improve student learning. All of this work is at the core of student achievement and what's in their best interest."

He added, "It's all about getting to a place of bettering the District, not only for parents and students but the community as a whole."

The tasks of the Facilities Planning Committee are as follows:

- Review facility assessment information from architects, engineers, and staff; demographic trends and projections on student enrollment and property values; and financial trends and projections for District and state school funding.
- Tour District facilities to acquaint themselves with the facility assessments and needs.
- Make recommendations to the Board of Trustees concerning the timing and funding of priority capital projects over the next five to 10 years.

The 94-member committee is split into three groups: Elementary (Pete Alfaro, chairman, and Silverio Sanchez, vice chairman), Secondary (De De Griffith, chairwoman, and Jody Vaughan, vice chairman), and Auxiliary (Bob Hoskins, chairman, and Daryl Fontenot, vice chairman).

Goose Creek CISD'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.

Goose Creek CISD's student enrollment on Sept. 13 totaled 21,723, which indicates growth of 246 students (1.15 percent) this school year. Over the past five years, the District has gained 1,370 students, or 6.7 percent growth.

Over the past 10 years, Goose Creek CISD grew by 18 percent, from 18,330 in 2001 to 21,675 students last year.

Approximately 4,500 new students are projected to enroll in Goose Creek CISD over the next decade, with annual gains ranging between 1.5 to 2 percent.

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

The Facilities Planning Committee is expected to meet regularly through January. The work of the committee is to be completed and final recommendations made to the Board of Trustees by Feb. 11.

In 2005, Goose Creek CISD voters overwhelmingly approved a \$220 million bond proposal to build four schools, improve multiple other schools and buildings, and provide myriad upgrades across the District.

Goose Creek CISD, the state's 58th largest school district, is home to 26 campuses and multiple support facilities.

The district serves more than 21,000 students, and employs nearly 3,000 people, making Goose Creek CISD one of the largest employers in the greater Baytown area.

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