

The District Planning Committee met on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 4:01 pm via WebEx.

The District Planning Committee is made up of community members, parents, and staff who assist the District by reviewing the District Improvement Plan and our priority goals as determined by the Board of Trustees.

Assistant Superintendent Jennie Bates welcomed members and reviewed the agenda for the day.

Superintendent Tabitha Branum welcomed members, providing statistics regarding the start of school this year and enrollment. She explained some of the challenges school districts face from legislative impacts and budget challenges. Mrs. Branum thanked the Board of Trustees for their commitment to the district and the community and welcomed Trustee Nazlee Burney to the committee.

Trustee Burney welcomed committee members, thanking everyone for their time and service.

Mrs. Branum and Gina Ortiz provided information on the District's Accountability Rating. Data shared included the District's 2026 TEA Accountability Rating and Campus Accountability ratings' statistics.

Dr. Melissa Heller reviewed the district's Parent & Family Engagement Policy, which fulfills our Title I and High Quality PreK requirements for federal funding, noting changes such as the new Parent Square communication tool and new Business Partnerships.

Jennie Bates presented background information regarding the development of the District Improvement Plan. The District Improvement Plan components were reviewed.

Committee members worked in groups to provide feedback on each of the Plan's five goals. Each group reviewed goals and asked and answered questions.

Mrs. Bates reviewed the DIP development timeline and next steps for the District Improvement Plan approval by the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Bates explained that plans to sunset the current District Planning Committee and establish the District Educational Improvement Committee are in progress. More information will be made available as plans are finalized. She thanked the committee members for the invaluable feedback.

The committee meeting concluded at 5:10 pm.