

The District Planning Committee met on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 5:32 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 and explained some of the challenges school districts face from legislative impacts and budget challenges. Mrs. Branum provided district demographics information and shared the district's commitment to the Board's North Star Goal.

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. She shared celebrations of growth in RLA, Math, CCR, Early Algebra success and Advanced Academics.

Dr. Melissa Heller reviewed the district's Parent & Family Engagement Policy, which fulfills our Title I and High Quality PreK requirements for federal funding.

Jennie Bates presented background information regarding the development of the District Improvement Plan. The District Improvement Plan components were noted and the District Improvement Plan and the Campus Improvement Plan timelines 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 explained next steps for the District Improvement Plan approval by the Board of Trustees and noted 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.

The committee meeting concluded at 6:38 pm.