

Special School Board Meeting

July 2, 2026



Board of Trustees

Agapito Perez, Jr. - President

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Paola Candanoza - Secretary

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Juan J Ramos

Carmen Acosta

Yadira Flores

Sergio Coronado
Superintendent

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PROGRESO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a **SPECIAL** School Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Progreso I.S.D. will be held on the **2nd of July 2026 at 12:00 PM.** at the Administration Office, Conference Room, Progreso, Texas, at which time the following agenda items will be discussed.

A- Call meeting to order

A1 Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Flag

A2 Prayer

A3 Public Audience

Public participation is limited to this, the designated open forum portion of the meeting. In accordance with District Policy BED (Local), the Board may impose reasonable time limits on this portion of the meeting. Persons who wish to participate in this portion of the meeting shall sign up with the presiding officer or designee before the meeting begins and shall indicate the topic about which they wish to speak. No presentation shall exceed five minutes. Delegations of more than five persons shall appoint one person to present their views before the Board.

A4 Board Minutes:

- Regular Board Meeting - June 22, 2026

B- Superintendent's Report

Discussion and possible action on the following:

B1 District Reports

C- Curriculum & Instruction:

Discussion and possible action on the following:

D- Support Services/Facilities

Discussion and possible action on the following:

F- Finance:

Discussion and possible action on the following:

F1 Review and Approve Budget and Tax Rate Calendar

F2 2026-2027 Budget Workshop

G- Governance:

Discussion and possible action on the following:

H- Executive Session: Closed Meeting under Texas Gov't Code 551.071; 551.072; 551,074; 551.-076; 551,082.

- (a) Resignations and Superintendent's recommendations for resignations, terminations, proposed terminations, re-assignments and proposed non-renewals of district employees
- (b) Superintendent's recommendations and possible interviews for hiring of administrative & professional personnel - instructional and non-instructional
- (c) Superintendent's recommendations for hiring of non-professional personnel - clerical/technical and auxiliary

I- Reconvene in Open Meeting to take action on the following items:

Discuss and take possible action on the following items:

- (a) Discussion and possible action on Superintendent's recommendations concerning resignations, terminations, proposed terminations, re-assignments and proposed non-renewals or suspensions of District employees.
- (b) Discussion and possible action on hiring of administrative & professional, instructional and non-instructional personnel
- (c) Discussion and possible action on hiring of non-professional Clerical/Technical and Auxiliary personnel

J- Adjournment

Dated this 26th day of June, 2026 – Progreso Independent School District



By: _____, Superintendent

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the above-named school district is a correct copy of the Notice and that I posted the Notice on the bulletin board for public notices in the district's Central Administrative office located at 600 N Business Farm Rd. 1015, Progreso, Texas, on the 26th day of June, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services such as interpreters for persons who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, large print or Braille, are requested to contact us at (956)565-3002 one day prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated this 26th day of June, 2026 – Progreso Independent School District



By: _____, Superintendent

A4

Board Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON June 22, 2026
TIME: 6:00 pm**

**SESSION A: The meeting was called to order by Agapito Perez Jr. Board President.
A quorum was established as follows:**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Agapito Perez Jr.
Berenice Martinez
Paola Candanoza
Janie Sarmiento
Juan J Ramos
Maria Acosta
Yadira Flores (ZOOM)**

MEMBERS ABSENT:

**Sergio Coronado, Superintendent
Shelley Smith, School Attorney**

A- Call meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

A1 Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Flag

A2 Prayer –**Maria Acosta**

A3 Public Audience

Alicia Piña thanked Mrs. Zúñiga and her staff for their work during the Summer Enrichment Program. She shared that her niece, who has special needs, participated in the program for one hour each day and suggested that the district consider extending the program to four hours and providing transportation in the future.

A4 Board Minutes:

- *Special Board Meeting- June 8, 2026*

Motion made by Juan J Ramps to approve as presented.

Second by Berenice Martinez

VOTING FOR: Agapito Perez Jr, Berenice Martinez, Paola Candanoza, Janie Sarmiento, Juan J Ramos, Yadira Flores and Maria Acosta

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

B- Superintendent's Report:

B1 District Report:

Mr. Coronado informed the Board about the upcoming Golf Tournament, scheduled for August 15, 2026, at Tierra Santa Golf Course. He noted that the fundraiser will benefit the Class of 2027 seniors through scholarship opportunities.

He also provided an update on the district's student recruitment efforts, which have begun in the Progreso and Weslaco areas, with additional outreach planned at the Mercedes Outlets. Mr. Coronado recognized Mr. Ezequiel Rubio for generously donating the band mural painting as a token of appreciation. He concluded by presenting the Progreso ISD Facility Assessment conducted by the Office of the Attorney General. The administration requested authorization to retain outside legal counsel to represent Progreso ISD in insurance claims related to property damage caused by the May 8, 2025, hailstorm. Due to the complexity of the

claims and potential legal action involving the district's insurance carrier, specialized legal representation is recommended to protect the district's interests and pursue recovery for damages.

B2 UIL Presentation:

Interim Coach Guerrier presented to the board, regarding the University Interscholastic League (UIL) State Executive Committee Meeting held on June 15, 2026. Administration will provide the Board of Trustees with an overview of the meeting, the district's participation in the hearing process, testimony presented by district representatives and coaches, and any resulting decisions or directives. The presentation is intended to keep the Board informed of UIL matters and the district's efforts to maintain compliance with UIL rules and regulations.

B3 Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Continuing Wage Payment Resolution due to Inclement Weather Disaster for Affected Employees:

Mr. Coronado presented to the board, consideration and possible action to adopt a Continuing Wage Payment Resolution for district employees affected by the inclement weather disaster that resulted in the closure of all district campuses and offices on June 16, 2026. The resolution authorizes the continuation of wage payments to eligible employees for the closure period, in accordance with applicable state law and district policy. Administration will present the resolution and provide information regarding the emergency circumstances, employee eligibility, and the impact on district operations.

Motion made by Juan J Ramps to approve as presented.

Second by Berenice Martinez

VOTING FOR: Agapito Perez Jr, Berenice Martinez, Paola Candanoza, Janie Sarmiento, Juan J Ramos, Yadira Flores and Maria Acosta

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

C- Curriculum & Instruction:

C1 2026-2027 Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP)

Ms. Coronado presented to the board, The Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP), authorized under Texas Education Code §29.0822, provides flexible scheduling options for eligible students who are unable to attend a traditional school schedule. The program is designed to support student attendance, academic progress, credit recovery, and on-time graduation. District administration recommends applying for participation in the Optional Flexible School Day Program (OFSDP) beginning in the 2026–2027 school year. The program would provide an additional option to support eligible students' academic progress. Board approval is required prior to submitting the application to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Motion made by Juan J Ramps to approve as presented.

Second by Berenice Martinez

VOTING FOR: Agapito Perez Jr, Berenice Martinez, Paola Candanoza, Janie Sarmiento, Juan J Ramos, Yadira Flores and Maria Acosta

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

D- Support Services/Facilities:

D1 Review, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Property, Automobile, Casualty, and Liability Insurance Coverage

Mr. Hernandez presented to the board, The District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Property, Automobile, Casualty, and Liability Insurance Coverage. The District received two (2) proposals by the deadline.

Motion made by Juan J Ramps to take it to executive session for legal advice.

Second by Berenice Martinez

VOTING FOR: Agapito Perez Jr, Berenice Martinez, Paola Candanoza, Janie Sarmiento, Juan J Ramos, Yadira Flores and Maria Acosta

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

F- Finance:

F1 Cash Disbursements

Mr. Hernandez presents to the board, May month is \$376,275.74

F2 Investment Report

Juan Hernandez informs the board, \$58,000 of interest earned, total investment of 1.279 million, balanced 11 million.

Motion made by Paola Candanoza to approve as presented.

Second by Juan J Ramos

VOTING FOR: Agapito Perez Jr, Berenice Martinez, Paola Candanoza, Janie Sarmiento, Juan J Ramos, Yadira Flores and Maria Acosta

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

F3 Tax Collection

Juan Hernandez informs the board, 3.2 million total collected, total outstanding 938,000, total tax collected 86%.

Motion made by Paola Candanoza to approve as presented.

Second by Juan J Ramos

VOTING FOR: Agapito Perez Jr, Berenice Martinez, Paola Candanoza, Janie Sarmiento, Juan J Ramos, Yadira Flores and Maria Acosta

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

F4 Budget Update

Juan Hernandez informs the board, total revenue 17.6 million, total expenditures 16 million, encumbrance 1.4 million.

G- Governance:

G1 Review and adopt local policies in Update 127

Attorney Shelley Smith presented to the board, Updates to Progreso ISD local policies include relocating school counselor language into DPB(LOCAL), revising EHBB(LOCAL) Gifted and Talented identification criteria to align with updated state administrative code, and amending FFF(LOCAL) Student Welfare to expand and clarify the definition of student misconduct in accordance with Senate Bill 571, with formatting changes for improved readability.

H- Executive Session: Closed Meeting under Texas Gov't Code 551.071; 551.072; 551,074; 551.- 076; 551,082. **7:27 PM**

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D1 Review, Consideration, and Possible Action Regarding Property, Automobile, Casualty, and Liability Insurance Coverage
(after executive session the board re opened session to have both parties TASB and Montalvo for presentations)

Motion made by Juan J Ramps to approve.

Second by Maria Acosta

VOTING FOR: Agapito Perez Jr, Berenice Martinez, Yadira Flores and Maria Acosta

VOTING AGAINST: Janie Sarmiento and Paola Candanoza

MOTION PASSES

Motion made by Juan J Ramos to approve resignations.

Second by Berenice Martinez

VOTING FOR: Agapito Perez Jr, Berenice Martinez, Paola Candanoza, Janie Sarmiento, Juan J Ramos, Yadira Flores and Maria Acosta

VOTING AGAINST: None
MOTION PASSES

Motion made by Juan J Ramos to approve new hires.

Second by Berenice Martinez

VOTING FOR: Agapito Perez Jr, Berenice Martinez, Paola Candanoza, Janie Sarmiento, Juan J Ramos, Yadira Flores and Maria Acosta

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

J- Adjournment

Motion made by Juan J Ramos

Second by Janie Sarmiento

VOTING FOR: Agapito Perez Jr, Berenice Martinez, Paola Candanoza, Janie Sarmiento, Juan J Ramos, Yadira Flores and Maria Acosta

VOTING AGAINST: None

MOTION PASSES

Meeting was adjourned by Board President Juan J. Ramos Jr. at 9:15 P.M. 06-22-2026.

Board President Agapito Perez Jr.,

Board Secretary, Paola Candanoza

B1

District Reports



PROGRESO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN "ANTS LIFT EACH OTHER UP"

School Vision

"Students will be inspired to search, discover, experience and apply knowledge in a safe creative environment"

School Mission

Every student in Progreso ISD will graduate with an Associate's Degree and/or a career license

SUBJECT: Anti-Bullying Campaign- “Ants Lift Each Other Up”

PRESENTER

Sergio Coronado, Superintendent

INFORMATION

The Anti-Bullying Campaign, "Ants Lift Each Other Up" will be implemented throughout the school year to promote a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment for all students. The campaign will emphasize the importance of preventing bullying by fostering a positive school culture centered on four guiding principles: Collaboration is Key, Find Support, Give a Helping Hand, and Grow Together. Through campus activities, student engagement, staff collaboration, and ongoing awareness initiatives, the district aims to encourage kindness, accountability, and mutual respect while empowering students to support one another and report bullying concerns.

ANTS LIFT EACH OTHER UP

**TEAMWORK
MAKES US STRONGER!**

- COLLABORATION IS KEY
- FIND SUPPORT
- GIVE A HELPING HAND
- GROW TOGETHER





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PROGRESO ISD BRANDING AND MARKETING

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SUBJECT: Progreso ISD Branding and Marketing

PRESENTER

Sergio Coronado, Superintendent

INFORMATION

Administration is developing a comprehensive Branding and Marketing Initiative designed to highlight the outstanding achievements of Progreso ISD students, educators, staff, and programs. As part of the district's strategic planning and budget development process, the administration is exploring the allocation of resources to enhance marketing, communications, and community engagement efforts.

The initiative aims to increase public awareness of the district's academic, extracurricular, and organizational accomplishments while strengthening community pride and confidence in Progreso ISD. Through intentional branding, storytelling, social media engagement, publications, and community outreach, the district seeks to ensure that the many positive stories and successes occurring across all campuses are effectively shared with students, families, staff, and the broader community.



PROGRESO ISD

Brand in Action

"Your brand is not what you say it is, it's what they say about you."

Purpose: Reflect on how you would like your campus or department to be perceived and/or talked about in the community. Then, identify one action you can take to strengthen your brand.

Instructions: Follow along with the facilitator and complete the sections below.

1. **Your Brand:** What do you hope people say about the district or your campus/department? (Choose up to 5)

Word 1: _____

Word 2: _____

Word 3: _____

Word 4: _____

Word 5: _____

2. **Moment of Impact:** Identify one everyday moment where your actions shape how others see your campus or department.

Moment: _____

How you could influence it: _____

3. **Commitment:** One action you will take to strengthen your desired brand.

I will help enhance our brand by: _____

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DAEP RELOCATION

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SUBJECT: DAEP Relocation

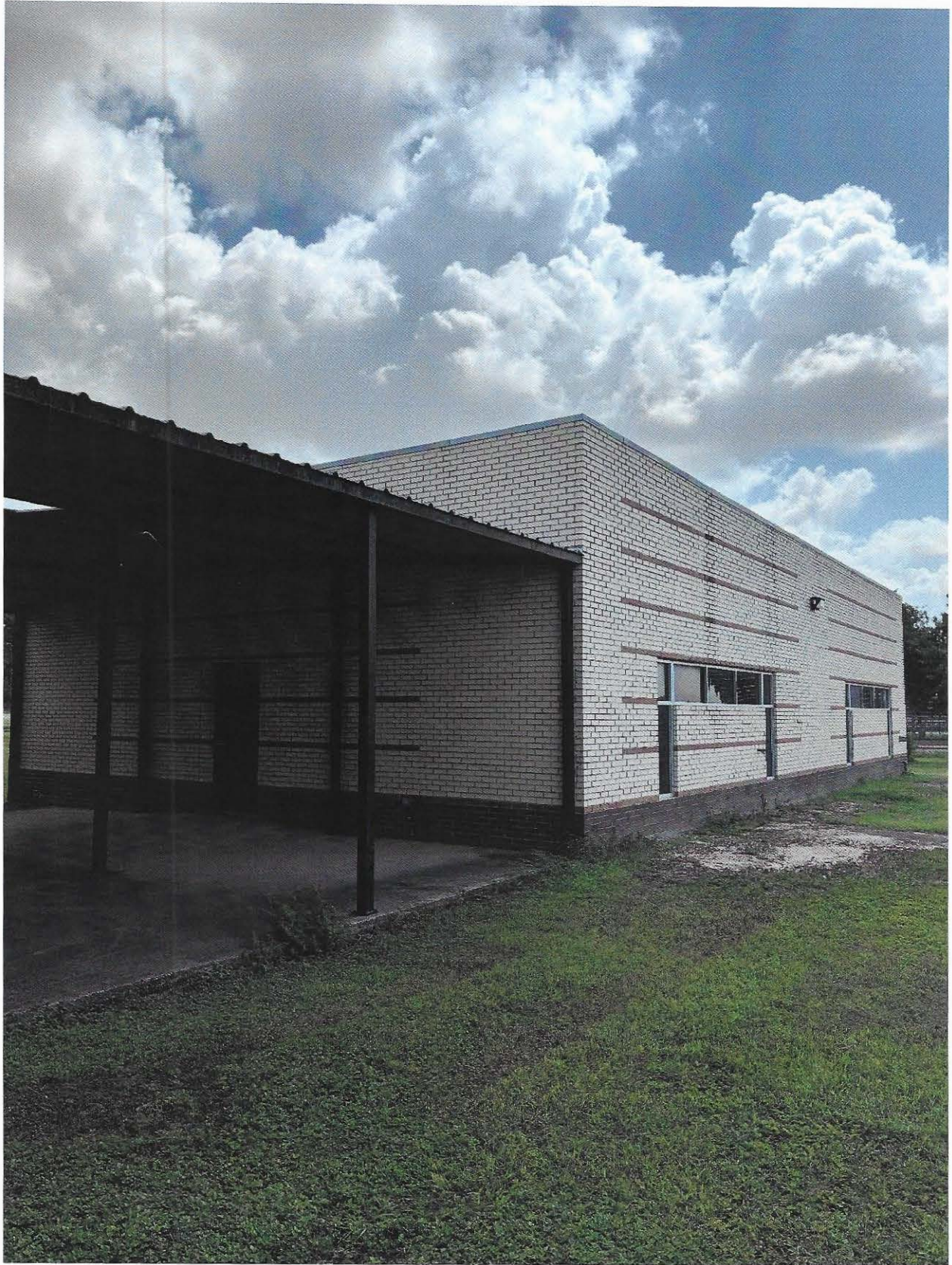
PRESENTER

Sergio Coronado, Superintendent

INFORMATION

We will be relocating the District Alternative Education Program (DAEP) to the building located behind the Early College High School. The proposed relocation is intended to enhance student supervision, improve instructional support, and increase access to campus resources.

By relocating the DAEP closer to the high school campus, district administrators, counselors, and instructional staff will be able to provide more frequent monitoring, timely interventions, and enhanced academic and behavioral support. This transition is expected to strengthen communication, improve the delivery of educational services, and better meet the needs of students participating in the DAEP while maintaining a structured and supportive learning environment.





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BAND MURAL

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SUBJECT: Band Mural

PRESENTER

Sergio Coronado, Superintendent

INFORMATION

The Board will receive a presentation recognizing Mr. Esequiel Rubio for his generous donation of the band mural displayed at Progreso High School. His contribution reflects a commitment to supporting the arts and enhancing school pride by creating a meaningful visual representation of the district's band program and traditions.

In appreciation of his generosity and dedication to Progreso ISD, the administration will present Mr. Rubio with a small token of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the district in recognition of his valuable contribution to our students and school community.



F1

**Review and Approve Budget and Tax Rate
Calendar**

2026 Planning Calendar

Progreso ISD

Date: 06/22/2026

Date	Activity
April-May	Mailing of notices of appraised value by chief appraiser.
April 30	The chief appraiser prepares and certifies to the assessor for each school district participating in the appraisal district an estimate of the taxable value of property in that taxing unit. The chief appraiser assists each school district in determining values of property in that taxing unit for the taxing unit's budgetary purposes.
May 15	Deadline for submitting appraisal records to ARB.
July 15	Deadline for commissioner of education to send notice to school districts required to lower the district's local revenue level in excess of entitlement.
July 20 (Aug. 30*)	Deadline for ARB to approve appraisal records.
July 25*	Deadline for chief appraiser to certify rolls to taxing units or provide estimated values.
August 17, 2026	Deadline to call for an election.
August 24, 2026	Deadline to adopt a tax rate above the voter-approval tax rate.
<>	Certification of anticipated collection rate by collector.
<>	Calculation of effective and rollback tax rates.
<>	3 business days notice for meeting (<i>Open Meetings Notice</i>).
<> July 2	Meeting of school board to decide on public meeting date on budget and proposed tax rate. The school board votes on a proposed tax rate that will be published in the notice for the public meeting.
<> Aug 8	<i>Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate</i> published 10 to 30 days before public meeting. Post proposed budget summary on district's Web site.
<> Aug 19	3 business days notice for public meeting (<i>Open Meetings Notice</i>).
<> Aug 24	Public meeting on budget and proposed tax rate. School board may adopt budget and tax rate after the public meeting. Or, the board may adopt the budget and wait to adopt the tax rate. If the board waits to adopt the tax rate, continue with the next step.
<>	3 business days notice for meeting at which governing body will adopt tax rate (<i>Open Meetings Notice</i>).
<>	Meeting to adopt tax rate. School districts subject to an equalized wealth notice must wait to adopt a tax rate until the commissioner of education certifies that the wealth is equalized [Education Code Section 41.004(c)]. School district must adopt tax rate by Sept. 30* or 60 days after receiving certified appraisal roll, whichever date is later.

*Tax Code Section 1.06 directs that if a date falls on a weekend, the deadline is extended to the following Monday.

F2

2026-2027 Budget Workshop

Progreso ISD



Workshop

Proposed 2026-2027

Budget & Tax Rate

Agenda

- I Introduction
- II Budget Highlights
- III 2026-2027 Proposed Budget - Revenue

Introduction

Purpose

To communicate the PISD financial plan for the district operations to the Public, PISD Board, and Departments

Budget

The district Budget is an annually revised document that describes the financial performance and the detailed financial allocations made to maintain district operations.

Property Taxes

Funds that are levied, assessed and collected annually to further maintain public schools and to pay bonds issued by the school

2026-2027 Proposed Budget Highlights

Projected Enrollment & ADA

Description	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27
Enrollment	1,440	1,461	1,405	1,339	1,282
ADA	1,305	1,306	1,248	1,175	1,096

*25-26 ADA/Enrollment Projected

Enrollment by Grade Level

Grade	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
EE	0	1	2	2	0	1
PK	44	74	80	79	91	103
KG	87	83	80	89	67	71
1st	105	109	95	93	103	95
2nd	97	111	97	102	84	88
3rd	95	94	103	85	88	86
4th	97	97	89	104	81	86
5th	109	96	92	73	100	82
6th	91	107	95	88	76	77
7th	115	105	102	91	91	82
8th	91	114	94	102	93	96
9th	135	126	143	104	111	103
10th	128	129	120	121	104	104
11th	103	98	105	99	104	103
12th	96	100	108	107	98	105
Total	1,393	1,444	1,405	1,339	1,291	1,282

2026 Proposed Tax Rate

	2025	2026
Tax Rate for Maintenance & Operation	0.7493	-
Tax Rate for Interest & Sinking	0.5546	-
Total Tax Rate	1.3039	1.3039

2026-2027 Projected Revenue

Description	General Fund Adopted 25-26	General Fund Projected 26-27	Difference
Tax Current Year	2,269,584	2,009,000	(260,584)
Tax Prior Year	120,000	130,000	10,000
Penalty and Interest	70,000	58,000	(12,000)
Athletic Facilities	15,000	50,000	35,000
Misc Rev/Investment	400,000	320,000	(80,000)
Available School Fund	529,068	698,356	169,288
Foundation School Program	14,739,834	15,550,434	810,600
TIA	237,342	237,342	-
On Behalf	966,795	650,000	(316,795)
Shars	100,000	20,000	(80,000)
Other Federal Revenue I/C	100,000	150,000	50,000
Total	19,547,623	19,873,132	325,509