



# Press Release

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## GPISD Energy Management Recognized for Conservation

**Houston, TX:** The Galena Park ISD Energy Management Department was recently named the 2023 Texas Energy Managers Association (TEMA) Program of the Year. TEMA promotes the responsible use of public funds through energy management and sustainability. They establish the highest quality of ethics and efficiency in energy management, and Galena Park ISD's Energy Management Department maintained those ethics and efficiency with its focus on reducing energy usage and costs since 2017.

GPISD took a comprehensive approach to energy management by focusing on reducing and adjusting scheduled operating times, implementing in-house energy audits, establishing an Energy Committee to guide the development of the Energy Program, and focusing on equipment retrofit projects to earn utility incentive money for the District. These efforts reduced the District's total electrical load by 845KW all while maintaining approximately 4,778,189 sq. ft. of buildings. GPISD has developed an Energy Program that is a consistent producer of savings.



Pictured: Ramon Garza, GPISD Board Secretary; Charles Miller, Director of Maintenance; Mike McKay, Assistant Superintendent for Operations; Dr. Sonya Niazy, Deputy Superintendent for Operational Support and Chief Financial Officer; Zachary Fade, Director of Energy Management and Utility Services; Harold "Sonny" Fletcher, Senior Director of Facility Planning and Construction; Molly Walding, Secretary for the Department of Operations; and Dr. John Moore, Superintendent of Schools

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