

# Texas Prepaid Tuition Plan Newborn Enrollment Deadline Approaches

## STAFF REPORTS

Texas families have through July 31 to enroll their newborns at 2022-23 prices in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund®, the state's prepaid college tuition plan. Newborns are children younger than 1 year of age at the time of enrollment. \* "I know what it's like to be the parent of newborns, and paying for college was not always at the top of my

mind," Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said. "That's why we're reminding new parents to take advantage of the opportunity to lock in this year's rates and lay the foundation for their children's future educational opportunities." With the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, participants can purchase tuition units and lock in the costs of undergraduate resident tuition

and schoolwide required fees at Texas public colleges and universities, excluding medical and dental institutions, based on today's prices. For additional flexibility, the plan also can be used at Texas medical and dental institutions, Texas private colleges and universities, out-of-state colleges and universities, career schools and registered apprentice-

ship programs, where tuition is not locked in, and the benefits and payouts would be based on the Transfer Value.\*\* Enrollment at 2022-23 prices closed on Feb. 28 for children 1 year of age and older. The next annual enrollment period begins on Sept. 1, with new contract prices based on Texas public college tuition and schoolwide required fees costs for

the 2023-24 school year. Complete plan information, including the plan description and agreement, current sales prices, enrollment forms and more, is available at TuitionPromise.org or by calling 800-445-GRAD (4723), Option 5. The plan's outreach team also offers free webinars that provide an overview of the plan and discuss the different tuition unit types and

payment options, as well as provide information about Texas Match the Promise Foundation matching scholarship opportunities.\*\*\* Go to the Texas Tuition Promise Fund website at <https://www.texas tuitionpromisefund.com/events/> for information about how to register to attend upcoming webinars.

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she said. "I truly believe that education opens doors that otherwise would never be open for someone, so I guess it's just the fulfillment that comes from knowing that you have the ability to open those doors for kids and adults alike." Chavez and her husband - both of whom are from Springtown - decided to move back to their hometown to be closer to family, and both found jobs at Springtown ISD. Chavez was hired originally as the dean of academics at the high school in 2016 before being assigned to the assistant principal role. Chavez handled tasks related to discipline, monitoring attendance, noticing red flags and building positive relationships with students. "You want it to be a safe place for kids to come," she said. "You want them to know that they have a support system there." While reviewing candidates

for the middle school principal role, SISD Superintendent Shane Strickland said Chavez had a few qualities that stood out from other applicants. "Mrs. Chavez has a strong track record of successful leadership in educational settings," he said. "Throughout the interview process Mrs. Chavez showcased a clear vision for enhancing educational practices, fostering student achievement, and addressing the unique challenges faced by the campus, and she also displayed a collaborative spirit. It was a combination of all of these qualities that made Mrs. Chavez the ideal candidate for the position." As she has begun her new role at Springtown Middle School, a challenge Chavez will likely face is limited space on campus. Because of growth, space is tight on all SISD campuses, including the middle school. Springtown Middle School will have an extra lunch time this school year to prevent the cafeteria from becoming overcrowded, Chavez said while pointing out that space

needs affect bathrooms and the cafeteria as well as classrooms. The problem with having limited space is that it can affect learning opportunities for students and teachers' ability to feel effective in their jobs, Chavez said. "When you're rotating kids around in temporary classrooms, you're not giving them necessarily those hands-on experiences, like great science labs and those types of things," she said. "(We're) trying to figure out those solutions to still give our kids every opportunity to have that experience that when they leave Springtown, not just Springtown Middle School, when they leave and go out into the world, they are as well versed as anybody else and are able to just thrive." Chavez praised the middle school's administrative team and said they are brainstorming on how to be a solution-driven building and giving kids the best. "We believe that with Mrs. Chavez's innovative ideas

and collaborative approach, we can overcome this hurdle and continue to create a great learning environment for all students," Strickland said. "One goal we have discussed with Mrs. Chavez is the need to implement flexible scheduling options to accommodate the large student body. Another goal is maximizing space utilization. Mrs. Chavez has already been working hard at reconfiguring offices and classrooms." Chavez enjoys watching kids grow in the classroom, and catering to individual students' needs to close learning gaps will be focused on at the middle school. She also likes seeing teachers get excited about student growth. "I love seeing a teacher get fired up because a kid made progress, so I get as much out of that and seeing teachers enjoy this journey that we're on together," she said. "It still is very satisfying to me. I like to help people around me be better, like kids, adults, whoever." Chavez realizes there

are reasons why working in schools may be difficult right now, particularly because of readjusting after the COVID-19 pandemic and political conversations about education. As a self-described positive person who likes to find solutions, she wants to encourage educators to love their jobs. "I hope that moving into this role, it gives me even more ability to make people still love teaching and still being educators," Chavez said. "I hope that I'm capable of having that kind of impact, and so I think that's probably what drives me to want to do this. I have a great job. Teaching is a great job. It's sometimes really hard, but the people you work with is who really help you to remember that." Strickland said Chavez will also be focusing on "enhancing academic programs, fostering a positive and inclusive school culture, and continuing to strengthen community engagement." In addition, Chavez said she will listen to the needs of the middle

school families, staff and others impacted by the middle school. "We believe that Mrs. Chavez's leadership and passion for education will have a significant and positive impact on our school community," Strickland said. "We are confident in her ability to inspire our students, support our dedicated staff, and continue to build a tradition of excellence at Springtown Middle School." Chavez praised SISD for having good kids, caring parents and a community that is invested in the schools. In her new role at the middle school, Chavez strives to be transparent and available to parents. "I want them first to know that I'm going to love their kids," she said. "I want them to know that I have an open-door policy, and I'm a phone call or an email away. I want them to know that I'm going to hold their kids to a really high standard, but I'm going to love them while I do it."



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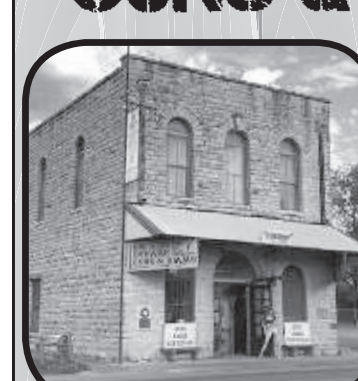


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c/o: Bradley Scott Bates  
Estate of Mona Joy Bates  
101 Blackberry Court  
Midland, Texas 79705

DATED the 21 day of June, 2023.

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Estate of Lee Afferback  
1624 Lakeside Ranch Road  
Georgetown, Texas 78633

DATED the 20 day of June, 2023.

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DATED the 20 day of June, 2023.

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**NOTICE OF BID**

Evant I.S.D. is currently accepting sealed bids for the tear down and replacement of the main entrance at the school, and the inclusion of an enclosed foyer off the existing front doors of the building.

All services to complete the work will be provided by the contractor.

Please contact Superintendent, Dr. Jennifer Ingram (254-471-5536 or jingram@evantisd.org) for an appointment before submitting a bid to review specifications.

To submit a bid, please send it to:

Evant ISD  
339 Memory Lane  
Evant, TX 76525  
or hand-deliver it to the Evant ISD superintendent's office at 339 Memory Lane, Evant, TX.

For additional information, you may contact Dr. Ingram at 254-471-5536.

The deadline to turn in a bid is 10:00 a.m. on August 28, 2023. Proposals will be reviewed at the August 28 special school board meeting at 339 Memory Lane, Evant.

The trustees of the school reserve the right to reject any and all proposals and to accept any proposals deemed most advantageous to Evant I.S.D., as well as negotiate with successful bidders as deemed advisable.

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**NOTICE OF BID FOR ERECTION OF METAL SECURITY FENCE**

**The Board of Trustees of the Jonesboro Independent School District ("JISD") hereby serves notice that it will accept sealed bids FOR ERECTION OF A METAL PRIVACY FENCE with the following specifications:**

**Distance:** Approximately 5000 Linear Feet  
**Height:** 6 Feet Tall

**Specifics:**  
Black R Panel  
2 3/8" pipe Every 10 Feet  
- Driven or Set 3 Feet in the ground  
Kicker Every 100 Feet  
Three (3) - 4 Inch Pearlings  
- Spaced Accordingly  
Gold J Trim on Top and Bottom

This would include 4 gates (16 ft opening - 2 x 8 ft) that will be locked from inside.

**Bids will be opened on August 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM in Board Meeting**

Interested parties with questions concerning specifications of the building that may not be listed or need further explanation, may contact Mr. Matt Dossey, Superintendent of Schools, at the address below, by phone, or at [matt.dossey@jonesboroisd.net](mailto:matt.dossey@jonesboroisd.net). JISD reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received. Bids received after the deadline or faxed and/or electronic bids will not be considered.

Sealed bids will be received until: August 15, 2023 at 12:00 PM.

Address:

Jonesboro Independent School District  
Attn: Mr. Matt Dossey  
Superintendent of Schools  
P.O. Box 125  
Mailing: 14909 E. State Hwy. 36  
Jonesboro, Texas 76538-0125  
Phone: 254-463-2111  
FAX: 254-463-2275

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby being given that the owner of Lot 17, West Moody Farms, a Subdivision in the Whitson Community, being on Farm to Market Road No. 107 approximately 1 mile East of Mother Neff Parkway, intends to sell an existing house on 1.47-Acres out of the original 25.97-Acre tract. This action requires a re-plat with Coryell County. Publication of this notice will be 3 times in the Gatesville Messenger, with a target Commissioners Court date of August 8, 2023. Respondents may reply to the Coryell County Road and Bridge Department, Mr. Justin Mannix with any comments. Comments also are allowed at the Commissioners Court. 00030253

**Public Notice**

Public notice is hereby given that the owner of Lot 47, Indian Creek Ranch, a subdivision approximately 5.4 miles west of South Purlmela on CR 159 intends to divide the 7.02 acre tract into one 2.07 lot and a 4.95 acre lot. This action requires a re-plat with Coryell County. Publication of this notice will be 3 times in the Gatesville Messenger, with a target Commissioners Court date of August 8, 2023. Respondents may reply to the Coryell County Road and Bridge Department, Mr. Justin Mannix with any comments. Comments also are allowed at the Commissioners Court. 00030254

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Coryell County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on August 8, 2023 at Commissioners Courtroom, 800 E. Main Street, Gatesville TX 76528 at 9:00 a.m. to receive comments for or against a request by Micah Pilkey (LFG Investors, LLC) for a revision of KINGSTON'S ESTATES, PHASE II, Lot Numbers 3 & 5 in Block 1.

The subject site is located at 725 and 805 Barton Lane, Gatesville, TX.

The subject site is an 8.02-acre tract being in KINGSTON'S ESTATES, PHASE II, Lot Numbers 3 & 5 in Block 1, as recorded in Slide 1104 of the Coryell County Clerk Records.

Additional information and a map of the subject site are available upon request for review. You may contact Justin Mannix At The Coryell County Road and Bridge Department. 00030255

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- ▶ 4 Br, 3Ba Home, 201 Elm Ln., Gatesville. JUST REMODELED, open floor plan, fireplace in 3 rooms, nice backyard with swimming pool, Storage building. \$465,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX. Lot 8 Phase 5 Rio Escondido Subdivision, good tree cover, rolling terrain, great views to build a home, gated Subdivision. \$119,900
- ▶ 10.01 acres north of Evant, TX. Lot 85 Phase 4 Rio Escondido, Rolling Terrain, Good tree cover, good views, \$115,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 20 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres east of Evant, TX in Coryell County on CR 160. Lot 39, Buffalo Creek Ranch Subdivision. Rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$150,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 48 in Phase 6 Rio Escondido Subdivision Evant, TX., Dry Branch along back of the property, nice home site overlooking the branch. \$185,000
- ▶ 10.01 acres, Lot 28 Phase 4 Rio Escondido north of Evant, TX. Good tree cover, great views. \$200,000
- ▶ 11 +/- acres, Arnett, TX in Coryell County. Good tree cover, nice home site, will need to be fenced on the east boundary. MCWSC may be available. \$179,500
- ▶ 11.64 acres, 3/2 home south of Evant, TX in Coryell County. Nice porch, large master bedroom and bath, barn, workshop, seasonal creek, Hwy 281 Frontage. \$850,000
- ▶ 17.85 acres, 296 Cross Timbers Lane, Gatesville. 2 homes, main home 3 Br, 2 Ba brick home, open floor plan, second home 2 Br, 2 Ba single wide mobile home, 2 covered parking spaces, good tree cover, rolling terrain, storage building, excellent fences. 1 stock pond. \$749,500
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, CR 421, Hamilton County. Lot No. 21 Mulberry Creek, rolling terrain, good tree cover. \$250,000
- ▶ 20.02 acres, Evant, TX, PR 42107, Hamilton County, Lot 43 Phase 6 Rio Escondido, rolling terrain, good tree cover, season creek. \$265,000.
- ▶ 25.06 acres, Pottsville, TX, Hamilton County. Paloma Vista Subdivision Lot 31, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, great views. \$275,000
- ▶ 33.43 acres, near Coryell City, Coryell County, FM 929 & CR 260 frontage, rolling terrain, good views. \$295,000
- ▶ 38 +/- acres, south of Pearl, TX, Coryell County, FM 183 frontage, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, nice views, great home site. \$372,400
- ▶ 41.0457 acres, Hamilton, TX, CR 404 in Hamilton County. Rolling terrain, scattered tree cover, approx. 25 acres farmland, 2 stock tanks, & good fences. \$449,000
- ▶ 47.332 ac. south of Ireland, TX. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, good fencing on 3 sides, southside will need to be fenced. \$395,000
- ▶ 50.24 acres, 3/2.5 home, 2171 CR 419, Evant, TX. Rolling terrain, 40% being good tree cover, the remaining balance being open pasture, great views. \$675,000.
- ▶ 58.51 acres, 3 Br, 2 Ba frame home, 6630 FM 183, Evant, TX, water well, several outbuildings, rolling terrain, scattered tree cover & 2 stock tanks. \$585,000
- ▶ 60.23 acres, CR 238 near Turnersville, TX. 1 stock tank, good fences, scattered tree cover, rolling terrain. \$421,610
- ▶ 68.9 acres, 3/2.5 rock home, 101 Mac Dr., Gatesville, TX. Approx. 2900 ft of Leon River frontage, ceramic tile floors, carpet in the bedrooms, vaulted ceiling, rock fireplace, granite countertops, breakfast bar, garden tub, metal building approx. 45 ft x 24 ft, older barn approx. 50 ft x 30 ft., cattle pens, 1 stock tank, approx. 48 acres of coastal. \$1,249,500
- ▶ 82.43 acres west of Evant, TX, Mills County. Open pasture, scattered mesquite tree cover, native grasses, 1 stock tank, fenced on 3 sides. \$560,524
- ▶ 88.007 acres, 36 ft. Travel Trailer, 25 ft. x 30 ft. metal barn, Electricity, 1 tank, seasonal branch, water well, scattered tree cover, good hunting. \$720,000
- ▶ 105 acres south of Pearl, TX on Self Rd. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, small branch, barn, rain harvest system. \$743,775
- ▶ 106 +/- acres, CR 180, Purlmela, TX, Coryell & Hamilton County. Good tree cover, rolling terrain, 1 tank, paved road frontage, electricity is across the road. \$832,100
- ▶ 179.562 acres, 1.6 miles south of Gatesville, TX. FM 116 frontage, great views, stock tank, rolling terrain & scattered tree cover. \$1,230,000
- ▶ 199.86 acres, 4 BR, 2 Ba Manufactures Home, 1856 sq. ft., 1805 CR 180, Purlmela, TX in Coryell County. Front porch, fully furnished, 2 stock tanks, 8 ft. x 40 ft storage container, storage building with water storage tank, barn, cattle pens, water well 560 ft deep, rolling terrain, good tree cover and paved road frontage. \$1,568,901

## RECIPE

This recipe appeared in the "Methodist Best" cookbook in 2008. The Gatesville Messenger is running a series of recipes from that cookbook. If your church has a cookbook, or if you would like to submit a recipe of your own for possible publication, please email it to: [editor@gatesvill messenger.com](mailto:editor@gatesvill messenger.com).

### King Ranch Casserole

BEVERLY GARTMAN WARD

- Ingredients:**  
4 chicken breasts, diced and cooked  
1 onion, chopped fine  
2 c. grated cheddar cheese  
1 can cream of chicken soup  
1 doz. Corn tortillas, chopped fine  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 can chicken broth  
1 can Rotel tomatoes, diced

**Instructions:**  
In a baking dish, place 1 layer of chicken, ½ of the sauce (combine last 4 ingredients for the sauce), ½ of the tortillas, ½ of the onion, and ½ of the cheese. Repeat for second layer with cheese on top.  
Bake for 1 hour at 350. Serves 6-8. Serve with Spanish rice and beans.



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