



District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Lauded for Transparency

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The San Diego Taxpayers Educational Foundation has given the district's Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee a perfect score for its transparency – the accessibility of information that makes it possible for taxpayers to assess the information of school facility bond programs. Of the 24 school districts that were surveyed, GCCCD was one of seven districts that received a perfect score.

The taxpayers organization reviewed the information that was available on the oversight committees' websites, including committee bylaws, member information, meeting minutes and agendas, and annual reports.

New options for students receiving financial aid or college refunds

Students who are receiving funds from the colleges now have two ways to get their money faster than a paper check, which can take 7-10 business days. Students are being encouraged to sign up for direct deposit to get their money within two days, or with the GCCCD CashCard, which allows students to receive their funds the same day.



The CashCard is a free account with no minimum balance or monthly fees. In addition to having money loaded into the account by the colleges, it can also be used to load money from others such as family, friends or an employer. It can be used anywhere that a debit MasterCard is accepted, with access through 55,000 ATMs nationwide.

Electronic funds transfer also benefits the college district. Each paper check costs the district \$1.50 to create and print.

For more information about CashCard, go to www.gcccd.edu/cashcard.