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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Trustees
From: Elizabeth Perez, Chief Financial Officer
Subject: Public Hearing on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) 2025-2026 Rating
Date: October 14, 2026

HISTORY: Under School FIRST, every school district in Texas is required to prepare an annual financial management report that includes the following:

- A. The district's financial management performance rating provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) based on its comparison with indicators established by the Commissioner of Education for the state's new Financial Accountability System.
- B. The district's financial management performance under each indicator for the current and previous years' financial accountability ratings;
- C. Additional information required by the Commissioner of Education.

In accordance with TEC 39.083, each school district is required to prepare and distribute an annual financial management report; and the public is provided an opportunity to comment on the report at a hearing. The Commissioner's rules regarding FIRST are included in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 109 Subchapter AA.

RATIONALE: The determination of the rating is as follows:

Determination of Rating		2025-26 Rating	2024-25 Rating
A.	Did the school district fail any of the critical indicators 1, 2, 3 or 4? If so, the school district's rating is F for Substandard Achievement regardless of points earned.		
B.	Determine the rating by the applicable number of points.		
	A= Superior Achievement	90 – 100	90 – 100
	B = Above Standard Achievement	80 – 89	80 – 89
	C = Meets Standard Achievement	70 – 79	70 – 79
	F = Substandard Achievement	< 70	< 70

The district's 2025-26 rating based on school year 2024-25 data was an 'A = Superior Achievement' with a score of 100 out of 100.

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A comparison of ratings from prior year for the districts within El Paso County is as follows:

CDN	School District	2025-26 Score	2024-25 Score	2023-24 Score
071901	Clint ISD	98	98	98
071902	El Paso ISD	92	94	92
071903	Fabens ISD	79	98	98
071904	San Elizario ISD	100	98	95
071905	Ysleta ISD	82	88	88
071906	Anthony ISD	98	92	92
071907	Canutillo ISD	78	80	94
071908	Tornillo ISD	98	98	84
071909	Socorro ISD	76	66	94

In the attachment included, you will find the following:

- The report received from TEA
- A comparison of the indicators with the previous year
- The required disclosures
 1. A copy of the Superintendent's current employment contract
 2. A summary schedule for the fiscal year of expenditures paid on behalf of the Superintendent and each Board member and total reimbursements received by the Superintendent and each Board member
 3. A summary schedule for the fiscal year of the total dollar amount of compensation and fees received by the Superintendent from any outside entity in exchange for professional consulting or other personal services
 4. A summary schedule for the fiscal year of the total dollar amount of gifts that had an economic value of \$250 or more received by the executive officers and Board members
 5. A summary schedule for the fiscal year of the dollar amount received by Board members for the total amount of business transactions with the school district

BUDGET IMPACT: There is no budget impact associated with this agenda item.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: This report is for information only.

For Approval? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If no, please check one: ☒ Presentation ☐ Report ☐ Information

Please check if applicable: ☒ Attachment Included

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