

November 3, 2017

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Mr. Thomas Crowe, Superintendent
Ector County Independent School District
PO Box 3912
Odessa, TX 79760-3912

Dear Mr. Crowe:

Subject: Final FIRST Rating

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of your school district's final 2016–2017 School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating based on fiscal year 2016 data.

Your district submitted an appeal of its **B = Above Standard** preliminary 2016-2017 School FIRST rating. As required by 19 Texas Administrative Code §109.1001(l)(5)(6)(7)(8) the Texas Education Agency (TEA) had an external, independent, appeal panel oversee the appeals process. The panel reviewed the appeal, including background information that your district provided and information available to the TEA through the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS). The panel then provided a recommendation to the commissioner on the appeal decision. Based on the results of the review, the commissioner has approved your district's rating appeal for indicator 10. **Therefore, the final School FIRST rating for Ector County Independent School District is A = Superior.**

This final rating incorporates the panel's objective analysis, deliberations, and recommendations regarding the unique circumstances of your district's appeal. This rating is final and may not be appealed under the Texas Education Code, §7.057, or any other law. With the completion of the appeals review process, the TEA has issued the final ratings. They are available at <http://tea4avwaylon.tea.state.tx.us/First/forms/main.aspx>.

If you have any questions related to the contents of this letter or your district's final rating, please contact Yolanda Walker at (512) 463-0947 or by email at Yolanda.Walker@tea.texas.gov.

Sincerely,



David Marx
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