

# NAVARRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Subject:** **School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Including Reviewing Report and Holding Public Meeting**

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**Date:** December 16, 2024

**Administrator Responsible/Position:** Paul Neuhoff

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**A. Purpose of Agenda Item:**

- Information Only                       Action Needed                       Receive Input

**B. Authority for This Action:**

- Local Policy                       Law or Rule                       N/A

**C. Priority, Goal, or Need Addressed:**

- Strategic Plan                       District/Campus Improvement Plan                       Other

**Priorities**

- Priority 1:** Recruiting, Hiring, Coaching, and Retaining High Quality Teachers and Staff to Support Student Outcomes.
- Priority 2:** Maximizing Academic Performance.
- Priority 3:** Maximizing Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Opportunities, Performance, and Engagement.
- Priority 4:** Planning, Preparing, and Maintaining Facilities and Environments for Learning.
- Priority 5:** Obtaining and Maintaining Top Rated District Recognition

**Board Goals for 2023-2028**

- Goal 1\*:** The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Reading will increase from 49% to 60% by June 2024, 65% for 2024-2025, 70% for 2025-2026, 75% for 2026-2027, 80% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**
- Goal 2\*:** Increased overall student performance in mathematics to 85% Meets Standard by 2028. The percent of 3rd grade students that score meets grade level or above on STAAR Math will increase from 53% to 65% by June 2024, 70% for 2024-2025, 75% for 2025-2026, 80% for 2026-2027, 85% for 2027-2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**
- Goal 3\*:** The percentage of graduates that meet the criteria for CCMR will increase from 72% to 88% by August 2024 and increase to 95% by 2028. **(HB3 Required Goal)**

**D.**

**Summary:** Review of School FIRST Report and Hold Public Meeting

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**Background Information:** On November 7, 2024, TEA released the final school FIRST ratings. Within two months of this date, the Board is required to hold a public

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meeting to discuss the ratings.

The district received a rating of A for 2022-2023 under Texas' School FIRST financial accountability rating system. The rating system measures the quality of a school district's financial management and reporting system. This is the 19th year of School FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 and amendments under House Bill 5, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013.

The primary goal of School FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

The Texas Education Agency assigned one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "A" for "Superior Achievement," followed by "B" for "Above-Standard Achievement," "C" for "Standard Achievement" and "F" for "Substandard Achievement." The District returned to a rating of "A" after receiving a "B" rating last year due to the issuance of the 2021 Bonds along with the slowed student enrollment caused due to Covid restrictions.

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**E. Comments Received:**

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Other

All agenda items are reviewed by the Superintendent's Leadership Team.

**F.**

**Administrative  
Recommendation:**

**That the Board of Trustees review and approve  
the FIRST rating and Management Report for  
2023-24 based on 2022-23 data.**

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**G. Fiscal Impact and Cost:**

**Amount: N/A**

Budget

Grant/Special  
Funds

Other

Bond

**H.**

**Exhibits: 2023-2024 Ratings Based on School Year 2022-2023 Data  
School FIRST Financial Management Report**

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**I. Action: "I move to approve/disapprove/postpone" the School FIRST Rating for 2023-24 Based on School Year 2022-23 Data and the Financial Management Report.**

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Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ second by: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson  
AGAINST: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson  
ABSTAIN: J. Frederick, D. Gilliam, L. Gosch, D. Reinhard, M. Sartain, C. Scheib, B. Stephenson

MOTION CARRIED/DENIED/POSTPONED