



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Conference Presentation

Board of Education Meeting: 11/05/25

Item Title: Public Hearing – School FIRST
(Financial Integrity Rating System
of Texas)

Action
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Discussion

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 218 of the 77th Legislature (2001) authorized the implementation of a financial accountability rating system. Which is officially referred to as School FIRST. The primary goal of School FIRST is to improve the management of school districts' financial resources. School FIRST was developed in consultation with the Comptroller of Public Accounts, and its development also benefited from the many comments that were received from the school district and regional education service center personnel. The School FIRST rating is based upon an analysis of staff and student data reported for the 2023-2024 school year, budgetary and actual financial data for the 2024 fiscal year. Texas school districts are rated on twenty-one indicators. Official School FIRST final ratings are anticipated to be released by TEA in November 2025.

Within two months after receipt of the final School FIRST rating, each school district will announce and hold a public meeting to distribute a financial management report that explains the district's performance under each of the twenty-one indicators and the district's rating. The public meeting to present the School FIRST rating may be combined with a scheduled regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Brownsville Independent School District received "Superior Achievement" rating.



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Submitted by: Principal/Program Director

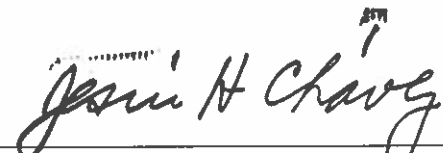
Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.



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Approved by: Interim Chief Financial Officer

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:



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