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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Members of the Board of Trustees  
**From:** Norberto Rivas, Chief Financial Officer  
**Subject:** Public Hearing on the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) 2023-2024 Rating  
**Date:** October 9, 2024

**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		2023-24 Rating	2022-23 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 <b>F for Substandard Achievement</b> 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 2023-24 rating based on school year 2022-23 data was an ‘A = Superior Achievement’ with a score of 95 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	2023-24 Score	2022-23 Score	2021-22 Score
071901	Clint ISD	98	98	98
071902	El Paso ISD	92	94	94
071903	Fabens ISD	98	100	100
071904	San Elizario ISD	95	100	100
071905	Ysleta ISD	88	92	90
071906	Anthony ISD	92	98	86
071907	Canutillo ISD	94	96	98
071908	Tornillo ISD	84	96	94
071909	Socorro ISD	94	96	96

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 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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