

School FIRST 2024 Report Public Hearing October 21, 2024

Rating based on 2022-23 data



Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

- FIRST is an accountability rating system developed by TEA in 1999 that holds school districts accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and actual improved performance.
- Ratings based on 21 indicators established by the Commissioner of Education.





Types of Ratings

- **A** for **Superior Achievement** is the highest possible score and recognizes the districts with the highest financial integrity.
- ❖ B for Above Standard Achievement indicates that the district has performed significantly above the minimum passing score.
- ❖ C for Meets Standard Achievement is the minimum passing score and indicates that the district meets the minimum passing standard for financial integrity.
- ❖ F for Substandard Achievement indicates the school district did not pass FIRST for the applicable rating year

FIRST Indicator Categories

Critical Indicators

Indicators 1 – 4 Yes/No, Failure to meet requirements of any of these results in an overall F Substandard rating.

Solvency Indicators

Indicators 5 - 21, points range from 0 - 10 *Indicators 10 and 15 are not being scored

Georgetown ISD 2023 Rating

A = Superior Achievement With a score of 98 out of 100

Ceiling Indicators

| Ceiling Points for indicator 4 | 100 |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Ceiling Points for indicator 5 | 100 |
| Ceiling Points for indicator 6 | 100 |
| Ceiling Points for indicator 16 | 100 |
| Ceiling Points for indicator 17 | 100 |
| Ceiling Points for indicator 20 | 100 |
| Total Deinte | 00 |
| Total Points | 98 |
| Were all critical indicators passed? | Yes |

Indicator 1: Filing the Annual Financial Report and Electronic Data Feed

Was the complete annual financial report (AFR) and data submitted to the TEA within 30 days of the November 27 or January 28 deadline depending on the school district's fiscal year end date of June 30 or August 31, respectively?

Yes, the AFR was submitted 11/06/23

Indicator 2: Review the Annual Financial Report

2. Was there an unmodified opinion in the AFR on the financial statements as a whole?

Yes, received a "clean audit"

Indicator 3: Default on Debt

Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end?

Yes

Indicator 4: Timely Payment

Did the school district make timely payments to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies?

Yes

Indicator 5: Unrestricted Net Asset Balance

Was the total net position in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Position (net of accretion of interest for capital appreciation bonds, net pension liability, and other post-employment benefits) greater than zero?

Yes

| Total Net Position | 95,963,043 | |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-----|
| Accretion of Interest for | | |
| Capital Appreciation Bonds | 0 | |
| Net Pension Liability | 41,162,575 | |
| Net Other Post-Employment Benefits | 23,392,215 | |
| | 160,517,833 | > 0 |

Indicator 6: Average Change in Fund Balance

Was the average change in (assigned and unassigned) fund balances over 3 years less than a 25 percent decrease or did the current year's assigned and unassigned fund balances exceed 75 days of operational expenditures?

(If the school district fails indicator 6, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 89 points, B = Above Standard Achievement.)

<u>Yes</u> 0.01433 >= -0.25

Indicator 7: Cash on Hand and Current Investments

Was the number of days of cash on hand and current investments in the general fund for the school district sufficient to cover operating expenditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)?

>=90

| Cash Equivalent & Investments | 98,447,550 | | | | |
|--|-------------|---|-----|----|----------|
| Total Expenditures (excluding Facilities & Construction) | 181,445,563 | * | 365 | II | 198.0382 |

Indicator 8: Current Assets to Current Liabilities

Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt?

>=3.00

| Current Assets | 426,175,759 | _ | 2.000 |
|---------------------|-------------|---|-------|
| Current Liabilities | 138,866,915 | _ | 3.069 |

Indicator 9: Cash on Hand

Did the school district's general fund revenues equal or exceed expenditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)? If not, was the school district's number of days of cash on hand greater than or equal to 60 days?

198.0382 >= 60

| Cash Equivalent & Investments | 98,447,550 | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---|-----|---|----------|
| Total Expenditures | | * | 365 | = | 198.0382 |
| (excluding Facilities & Construction) | 181,446,563 | | | | |

Indicator 10: Budgeted Revenues to Actual Revenues

<u>Did the school district average less than a 10 percent variance</u> (90% to 110%) when comparing budgeted revenues to actual revenues for the last 3 fiscal years?

This indicator is not being evaluated.

Indicator 11: Long-Term Liability to Total Assets Ratio

Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets for the school district sufficient to support long-term solvency? (If the school district's increase of students in membership over 5 years was 7 percent or more, then the school district passes this indicator.)

0.1135 >= 0.070

| 2023 Enrollment | 13,063 |
|-----------------|--------|
| 2019 Enrollment | 11,732 |

Indicator 12: Debt Per \$100 of Assessed Property Value

What is the correlation between future debt requirements and the district's assessed property value?

3.9715 < 4

Score: 10 Points

Total Local & Long Term Assessed Property
Inter. Sources Total Revenue Liabilities Value

60,750,488 ÷ 61,617,781 x 728,487,867 x 100 ÷ 18,084,603,308

Indicator 13: Administrative Cost Ratio

Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio for ADA size 10,000 and above?

0.0855 <= 0.1105

| District Administrative Cost Ratio | 0.0875351602 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Average Daily Attendance | 12,015.32 |

Indicator 14: Student to Staff Ratio

Did the school district **not** have a 15 percent decline in the students to staff ratio over 3 years (total enrollment to total staff)? (If the student enrollment did not decrease, the school district will automatically pass this indicator.)

| 2023 Enrollment | 13,063 |
|-----------------|--------|
| 2019 Enrollment | 11,732 |

Indicator 15: PEIMS Data Quality

Was the school district's ADA within the allotted range of the district's biennial pupil projection(s) submitted to TEA? If the district did not submit pupil projections to TEA, did it certify TEA's projections?

This indicator is not being evaluated.

Indicator 16: PEIMS Data

Did the comparison of Public Education Information

Management System (PEIMS) data to like information in the school district's AFR result in a total variance of less than 3 percent of all expenditures by function?

0 < 0.03

Indicator 17: Material Weaknesses Noted On Annual Financial Report (AFR)

Did the external independent auditor report that the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds? (The AICPA defines material weakness.) (If the school district fails indicator 17, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 79 points, C = Meets Standard Achievement.)

Indicator 18: Material Noncompliance Noted On Annual Financial Report (AFR)

Did the external independent auditor indicate the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material noncompliance for grants, contracts, and laws related to local, state, or federal funds? (The AICPA defines material noncompliance.)

Indicator 19: Financial Information Website Posting

Did the school district post the required financial information on its website in accordance with Government Code, Local Government Code, Texas Education Code, Texas Administrative Code and other statutes, laws and rules that were in effect at the school district's fiscal year end?

Yes

Indicator 20: Impact to Funding Discussion

Did the school district's administration and school board members discuss any changes and/or impact to local, state, and federal funding at a board meeting within 120 days before the district adopted its budget?

Indicator 21: Impact to Funding Discussion

Did the school district receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over-allocation of Foundation School Program (FSP) funds because of a financial hardship?

Required Disclosures Board Member and Superintendent Disclosures

Superintendent's Employment Contract

A copy of the superintendent's current employment contract at the time of the School FIRST hearing is to be provided. In lieu of publication in the annual School FIRST financial management report, the school district may chose to publish the superintendent's employment contract on the school district's Internet site. If published on the Internet, the contract is to remain accessible for twelve months.

The Superintendent's Employment Contract is available on the District's webpage found at the following link:

Dr. Devin Padavil's Contract

Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2023

For the Twelve-month Period Ended

June 30, 2023

| Description of Reimbursements | Fred Brent Superintendent | Lindsay Harris, Interim Superintendent | Stephen Benold | Stephanie Blanck | Anthony Blankenship | Melanie Conner | Cody Hirt | Jen Mauldin | Elizabeth McFarland | James Scherer |
|--|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Meals | \$123.87 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$77.37 | \$0.00 | \$56.02 | \$56.02 | \$0.00 | \$67.85 | \$56.02 |
| Lodging | \$1,086.63 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,215.91 | \$0.00 | \$634.20 | \$744.63 | \$422.80 | \$0.00 | \$744.63 |
| Transportation | \$503.40 | \$0.00 | \$655.14 | \$948.00 | \$0.00 | \$503.40 | \$503.40 | \$190.71 | \$503.40 | \$503.40 |
| Motor Fuel | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other (includes membership dues, conference registration, etc.) | \$1,080.92 | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$705.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$885.00 | \$0.00 | \$885.00 | \$885.00 |
| Total | \$2,794.82 | \$0.00 | \$665.14 | \$2,946.28 | \$0.00 | \$1,193.62 | \$2,189.05 | \$613.51 | \$1,456.25 | \$2,189.05 |

Meals – Meals consumed off of the school district's premises, and in-district meals at area restaurants.

Lodging - Hotel charges.

Transportation - Airfare, car rental (can include fuel on rental), taxis, mileage reimbursements, leased cars, parking and tolls.

Motor fuel – Gasoline.

Other - Registration fees, telephone/cell phone, internet service, fax machine, and other reimbursements (or on-behalf of) to the superintendent and board member not defined above.

Board Member and Superintendent Disclosures

 Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for Professional Consulting and/or Other Personal Services in Fiscal Year 2023

None

• Gifts Received by the Executive Officer(s) and Board Members

| For the Twelve-Month Period Ended June 30, 2023 | Fred Brent Superintendent | Interim | Stephen Benold | Stephanie Blanck | Anthony Blankenship | Melanie Conner | - | Jen Mauldin | Elizabeth McFarland | James Scherer |
|--|---------------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Summary Amounts | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Board Member and Superintendent Disclosures, cont.

 Business Transactions Between School District and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2023

| For the Twelve-Month Period Ended June 30, 2023 | Stephen Benold | Stephanie Blanck | Anthony Blankenship | Melanie Conner | Cody Hirt | Jen Mauldin | Elizabeth McFarland | James Scherer |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Summary Amounts | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |





Disclosures

Reporting requirements for the financial management report for the School FIRST public hearing are found in **Title 19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter AA, Commissioner's Rules Concerning Financial Accountability Rating System, Section 109.1001(q).** This rule prescribes requirements for the six disclosures described below that are included in the School FIRST financial management report.

1. Superintendent's Employment Contract

The school district must provide a copy of the superintendent's current employment contract that is effective on the date of the School FIRST hearing. In lieu of publication in the School FIRST financial management report, the school district may publish the superintendent's employment contract on the school district's website. If published on the district's website, the contract is to remain accessible for twelve months.

Dr. Devin Padavil's contract can be accessed https://www.georgetownisd.org/fs/resource-manager/view/b2081468-1879-4897-9bec-36fc94d8c5e9





2. Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2023

For the Twelve-month Period Ended June 30, 2023

| Description of Reimbursements | Fred Brent Superintendent | Lindsay Harris, Interim Superintendent | Stephen Benold | Stephanie Blanck | Anthony Blankenship | Melanie Conner | Cody Hirt | Jen Mauldin | Elizabeth McFarland | James Scherer |
|--|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Meals | \$123.87 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$77.37 | \$0.00 | \$56.02 | \$56.02 | \$0.00 | \$67.85 | \$56.02 |
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| Transportation | \$503.40 | \$0.00 | \$655.14 | \$948.00 | \$0.00 | \$503.40 | \$503.40 | \$190.71 | \$503.40 | \$503.40 |
| Motor Fuel | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Other (includes membership dues, conference registration, etc.) | \$1,080.92 | \$0.00 | \$10.00 | \$705.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$885.00 | \$0.00 | \$885.00 | \$885.00 |
| Total | \$2,794.82 | \$0.00 | \$665.14 | \$2,946.28 | \$0.00 | \$1,193.62 | \$2,189.05 | \$613.51 | \$1,456.25 | \$2,189.05 |

Note: The spirit of the rule is to capture all "reimbursements" for the fiscal year, regardless of the manner of payment, including direct pay, credit card, cash, and purchase order. Reimbursements are to be reported per category:

- **Meals** Meals consumed out of town and in-district at area restaurants (excludes catered meals for board meetings).
- Lodging Hotel charges.
- **Transportation** Airfare, car rental (can include fuel on rental), taxis, mileage reimbursements, leased cars, parking and tolls.
- Motor fuel Gasoline.
- Other Registration fees, telephone/cell phone, internet service, fax machine, and other reimbursements to (or onbehalf of) the superintendent and board members not defined above.





3. Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for Professional Consulting and/or Other Personal Services in Fiscal Year 2023

| For the Twelve-Month Period Ended June 30, 2023 | | | | | | |
|--|---------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name of Entity | Amount | | | | | |
| | \$ 0.00 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Total | \$ 0.00 | | | | | |

Note: Compensation does not include revenues generated from a family business (farming, ranching, etc.) that has no relation to school district business.

4. Gifts Received by the Executive Officer(s) and Board Members (and First-Degree Relatives, if any) in Fiscal Year 2023 (with a total economic value of \$250 or more)

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended June 30, 2023

| | Fred Brent Superintendent | Lindsay Harris, Interim Superintendent | Benold | Stephanie Blanck | Anthony Blankenship | Melanie Conner | | | Elizabeth McFarland | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|--------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| Summary Amounts | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Note: An executive officer is defined as the superintendent, unless the board of trustees or the district administration names additional staff under this classification. Gifts received by first degree relatives, if any, will be reported under the applicable school official.





5. Business Transactions Between School District and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2023

| For the Twelve-Month Period Ended June 30, 2023 | |
|---|--|
| | |

| | Fred Brent Superintendent | Lindsay Harris, Interim Superintendent | Benold | Stephanie Blanck | Anthony Blankenship | Melanie Conner | | | Elizabeth McFarland | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--|--------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| Summary Amounts | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Note: The summary amounts reported under this disclosure do not duplicate the items reported in the summary schedule of reimbursements received by board members.

6. Any other information the board of trustees of the school district determines to be useful.