

DONNA ISD

BUILDING A LEGACY OF INNOVATION



STATE OF THE
DISTRICT

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Angela Dominguez

As Superintendent of this great district, I am thrilled to welcome you to our 2nd annual State of the District Address. Guided by our district's theme, "Building a Legacy," we are embarking on a transformative journey, redefining educational excellence through innovation, opportunity, and community-driven growth.

This year, I am proud to share exciting updates on our bond projects, which are instrumental in shaping the future of Donna ISD. We have successfully completed several outdoor learning spaces, creating environments that inspire creativity and engagement. Construction is also underway on additional projects designed to meet the evolving needs of our students, ensuring they have access to modern facilities that enhance their learning experiences. These projects reflect our commitment to providing secure, innovative spaces that prepare our students for a brighter future.

I'm equally excited to report tremendous growth in student outcomes across all core subjects. Through the tireless efforts of our educators, administrators, and support staff, Donna ISD students are achieving remarkable success. These achievements are a testament to the strength of our instructional systems and the dedication of our team to implementing innovative teaching strategies that make a difference in the lives of our students.

This year, also marks the launch of three new specialized academies for the 2025-2026 school year, focused on arts, science, and sports. These state-of-the-art campuses will join our network of four other specialized schools, offering programs tailored to student interests and future career pathways. With these academies, we are creating opportunities that foster creativity, curiosity, and teamwork, empowering our students to excel in academics and beyond.

Thank you for joining us on this journey as we continue to break barriers, create opportunities, and inspire our students to dream bigger than ever before. These are truly exciting times at Donna ISD, and together, we are building a legacy.



2024

TEXAS OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BOARD



DONNA ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES



STRATEGIC PLAN

FOCUS ON STUDENT
SUCCESS

GOAL
1

FOCUS ON FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

GOAL
2

FOCUS ON OPERATIONAL
EXCELLENCE

GOAL
3

FOCUS ON EMPLOYEES AND
ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

GOAL
4

FOCUS ON FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

GOAL
5

GRADUATE PROFILE

DISD GRADUATES ALL STUDENTS READY FOR COLLEGE, CAREER, OR THE MILITARY






INTRODUCING **THREE** REDESIGNED CAMPUSES

J.S. ADAME FINE ARTS ACADEMY (PREK 3 – 5TH)

Launching in the 2025-26 school year, J.S. Adame Arts Academy will provide an arts-rich education that nurtures creativity and self-expression. Students will explore music (piano, guitar, mariachi, drumline, choir), visual arts (drawing, painting, digital art, sculpture), theatre (musical theatre, set design, drama), and dance (ballet, folklórico, dance team). With specialized instruction and state-of-the-art learning spaces, the academy will foster confidence, academic growth, and a lifelong passion for the arts.



A.M. OCHOA PRIMARY SCIENCE & SPORTS ACADEMY (PREK 3 – 2ND)

Launching in the 2025-26 school year, A.M. Ochoa Primary Science & Sports Academy will be the first of its kind in Texas, combining science exploration with athletics to enhance learning. Through a \$3.12 million forestry grant, the campus will feature lush gardens, outdoor classrooms, and interactive learning spaces, creating a dynamic environment where academics and sports come together to inspire young minds.



C. STAINKE INTERMEDIATE SCIENCE & SPORTS ACADEMY (3RD – 5TH)

Building on the foundation set at Ochoa, C. Stainke Intermediate Science & Sports Academy will take science exploration and athletics to the next level beginning 2025-26 school year. With outdoor learning spaces, hands-on engineering challenges, and a specialized athletics program, students will develop critical thinking, teamwork, and a love for discovery. A greener campus with newly planted trees will provide an inspiring environment where students grow academically and physically, preparing them for future success.

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

TOTAL STUDENTS ENROLLED

12,937

EMERGENT BILINGUAL **7,196**

ECONOMICALLY
DISADVANTAGED **11,947**

AT-RISK **10,411**

MIGRANT **546**

SPECIAL EDUCATION **1,626**

TEACHER DEMOGRAPHICS

TOTAL TEACHERS

905

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

BEGINNING TEACHERS	34
1-5 YEARS EXPERIENCE	174
6-10 YEARS EXPERIENCE	185
11-20 YEARS EXPERIENCE	359
OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE	153

TEACHERS WITH ADVANCED DEGREES **206**

MASTERS DEGREE	202
DOCTORATES DEGREE	4

TEACHER INCENTIVE ALLOTMENT RECIPIENTS **53**

RECOGNIZED	21
EXEMPLARY	26
MASTER	6

13



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

4



MIDDLE SCHOOLS

2



HIGH SCHOOLS

1



ALTERNATIVE
CAMPUS

DONNA ISD SNAPSHOT

12,937



TOTAL STUDENTS
ENROLLED

PREKINDER

(HEADSTART, PREK 3&4)



1,081

GRADES

K-5



5,148

GRADES

6-8



2,736

GRADES

9-12

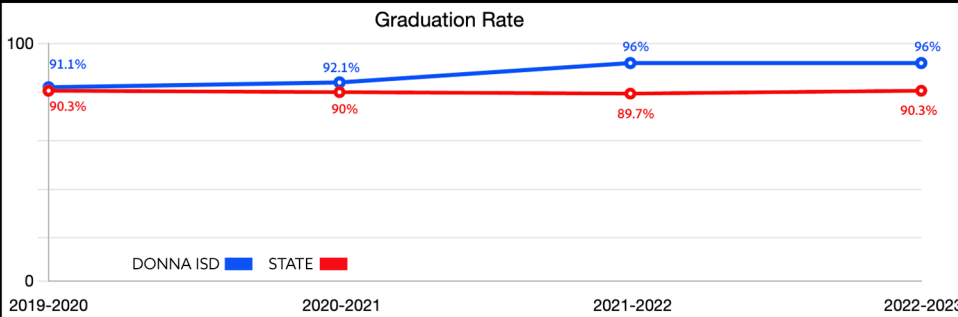


3,972

ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

GRADUATION RATE

Donna Independent School District's graduation rate for the 2022 cohort remained robust at 96%, surpassing the state's rate of 90%.



LSG STUDENT OUTCOME SCORECARD

Percentage of 3rd grade students who meet or exceed grade level proficiency on STAAR Math will increase from 5% to 55% by August 2026.

ACTUAL
27%

Percentage of 3rd grade students who meet or exceed grade level proficiency on STAAR Reading will increase from 9% to 47% by 2026.

ACTUAL
30%

Percentage of graduates demonstrating college, career, or military preparedness will increase from 61% to 79% by 2026.

ACTUAL
72%



CORE INSTRUCTIONAL COMPONENTS



Lesson Framework

- **Gradual Release Model** with a planned Direct Teach (I Do), Guided Practice (We Do), and Independent Practice (You Do)
- **Key Instructional Supports:** Visual Stimuli, explicit Academic Vocabulary instruction, and Processing Tools (student output)
- **Displayed for each lesson:** Content Objective, Language Objective, Agenda



Guiding Resources for Classrooms & Coaching

- **Goal 1 Handbook:** A summary of the district's Instructional Framework and recommended instructional strategies outlined through the DISD strategic plan's Goal 1: Focus on Student Success initiatives
- **7 Steps to a Language-Rich Interactive Classroom: Research-Based Strategies for Engaging All Students** by Bill Perryman and John Seidltz
- **Get Better Faster: A 90-Day Plan for Coaching New Teachers** by Paul Bambrick Santoyo
- **Explicit Instruction: Effective and Efficient Teaching** by Anita L. Archer and Charles A. Hughes

SCIENCE

Thursday March 6th

Today's Activities

SWBAT take their TELPAS exam and work on extra credit

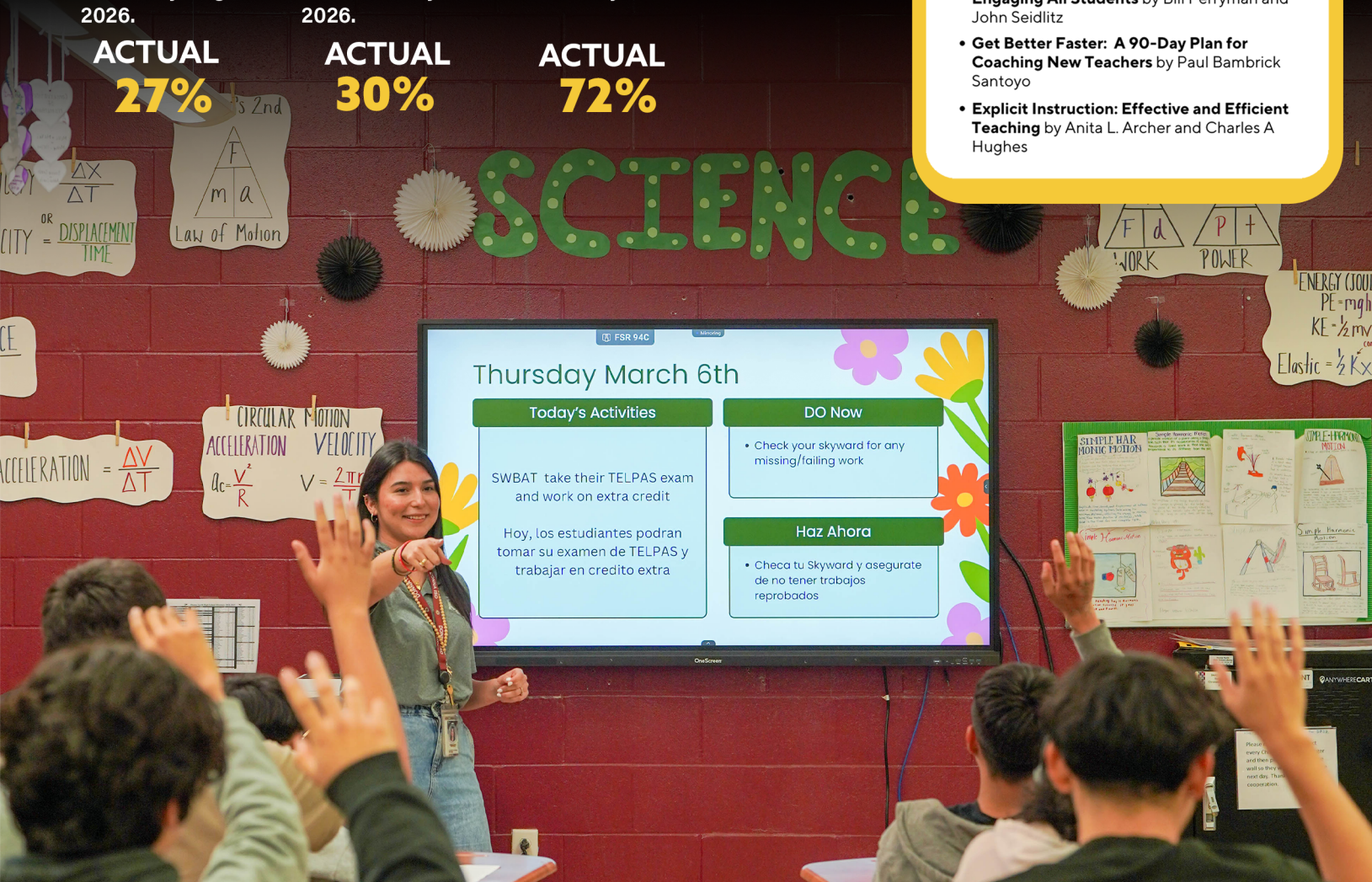
Hoy, los estudiantes podran tomar su examen de TELPAS y trabajar en credito extra

DO Now

- Check your skyward for any missing/failing work

Haz Ahora

- Checa tu skyward y asegurate de no tener trabajos reprobados





Preparing students for success beyond graduation is the core focus of College, Career or Military Readiness (CCMR)! Through a dynamic blend of curriculum, resources, programs, and activities, CCMR empowers our students with the essential skills and knowledge to excel in college, thrive in the workforce, and embark on a fulfilling career journey.

NUMBER ONE STUDENT OUTCOME

To graduate all students per their expected graduation date,
ready for college, career, or military.

College and Career Readiness Field Trips Beginning in 6th Grade



CCMR Teachers 6-12 Grade



CCMR Fairs from 5th-8th Grade



CCMR BY THE NUMBERS

90%

of Seniors are
CCMR Ready

COLLEGE READY: Graduates pass the TSIA, earn an AP exam score, earn dual credit, or complete an OnRamps course. The goal is to avoid remedial classes, saving time and money.

CAREER READY: Graduates earn a level 1 or 2 certificate, industry certification, or complete an IEP with workforce readiness, gaining essential skills to enter and grow in a career immediately.

MILITARY READY: Graduates enlist in a U.S. military branch, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force, or Texas National Guard.

6,597

Students Impacted

CCMR prepares students for life after high school, whether they pursue college, a career, or the military. Through resources, curriculum, and activities, CCMR ensures students are ready for their next steps. Our top goal is that students graduate on time, prepared for their future. Starting in 6th grade, all students visit a college or university to find the right fit.

25,000+

Individualized CCMR
Lessons Delivered in
Grades 6th to 12th

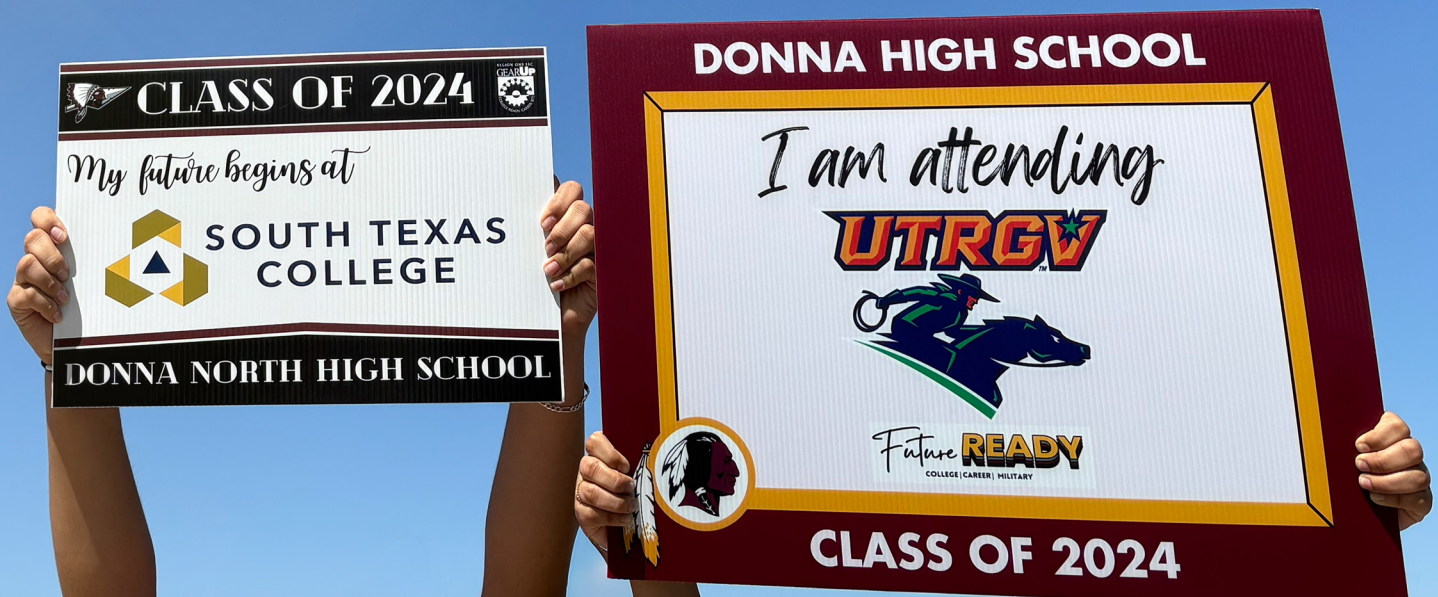
In middle school, students explore careers, learn about high school programs, and receive lessons on goal setting, financial literacy, graduation and college requirements, and military options. In high school, they build on this foundation, focusing on college preparation, financial aid, testing, job skills, and revisiting military requirements.

2023 College Going Data:

10 of 946 graduates (1%) went to the military

340 of 946 graduates (36%) immediately enrolled in college the semester after graduation (this only includes students who enrolled in a Texas college)

2024 total scholarship amount for DISD: \$1,434,425.00





DISCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL

21

**PROGRAMS
OF
STUDY**

32

**INDUSTRY
CERTIFICATIONS
OFFERED**

3,400+

**INDUSTRY BASED
CERTIFICATIONS
EARNED
(2021-2024)**

GRADUATE COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

Cerified Solidworks Associate (CSWA) Mechanical Design
Certified Veterinary Assistant, Level 1
ELANCO Veterinary Medical Applications Certification
Texas State Floral Association Skills Knowledge -Based Certification
Autodesk Certified User in Revit Architecture
NCCER Core
NCCER Carpentry Level 1
Adobe Certified Professional in Digital Video Using Adobe Premier Pro
Adobe Certified Professional in Graphic Design in Illustration Using Adobe Illustrator

Adobe Certified Professional in Visual Design Using Adobe Photoshop
Intuit QuickBooks Certified User
Microsoft Office Specialist Excel Expert
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance/Tax Counseling Certification: Basic
Entrepreneurship and Small Business
Microsoft Office Specialist: Word Expert
Texas Real Estate Sales Agent License
Commercial Foods
ServSafe Manager Certificate
Cybersecurity Fundamentals
Information Technology Specialist: JavaScript
American Welding Society (AWS) D1.1 Structural Steel

American Welding Society (AWS) D9.1 Sheet Metal Welding
ASE Entry-Level Collision Non-Structural Analysis and Damage Repair (SR)
ASE Entry-Level Collision Painting and Refinishing (PR)
Educational Aide 1
Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA)
Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)
Certified Patient Care Technician (PCT)
Certified Pharmacy Technician (CPhT)
TDLR-State of Texas Barber Operator License
TDLR-State of Texas Cosmetology Operator License
Non-Commissioned Security Officer, Level 2 Certificate

TWO NEW CTE PROGRAMS COMING IN 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Dental Assistant Certification – Focused on diagnostic and therapeutic services.

Exercise Science, Wellness, and Restoration Personal Trainer Certification – Preparing students for success in the health and fitness industry.



2023 BOND ELECTION TIMELINE

PROPOSED PROJECTS

PROPOSED WINGS - MUNOZ ELEMENTARY, GARZA ELEMENTARY, SALAZAR ELEMENTARY, SINGLETERRY ELEMENTARY & DONNA NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

NEW CAFETERIA AND ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS - DONNA HIGH SCHOOL

OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACES - ALL ELEMENTARY CAMPUSES

UPGRADE GYMNASIUMS & LIBRARY RELOCATIONS - AP SOLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL & TODD MIDDLE SCHOOL

CAMPUS ADDITIONS - VETERANS MIDDLE SCHOOL & SAUCEDA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wing groundbreaking for Salazar Elementary, Singleterry Elementary, and Garza Elementary

SEPT
17

J. S. Adame Elementary - Outdoor learning space completion

NOV
04

JAN
29

Salazar Elementary - Started construction on outdoor learning space

JAN
30

FEB
05

A.M. Ochoa Elementary - Outdoor learning space ribbon cutting/completion

C. Stainke Elementary - Outdoor Learning Space completion

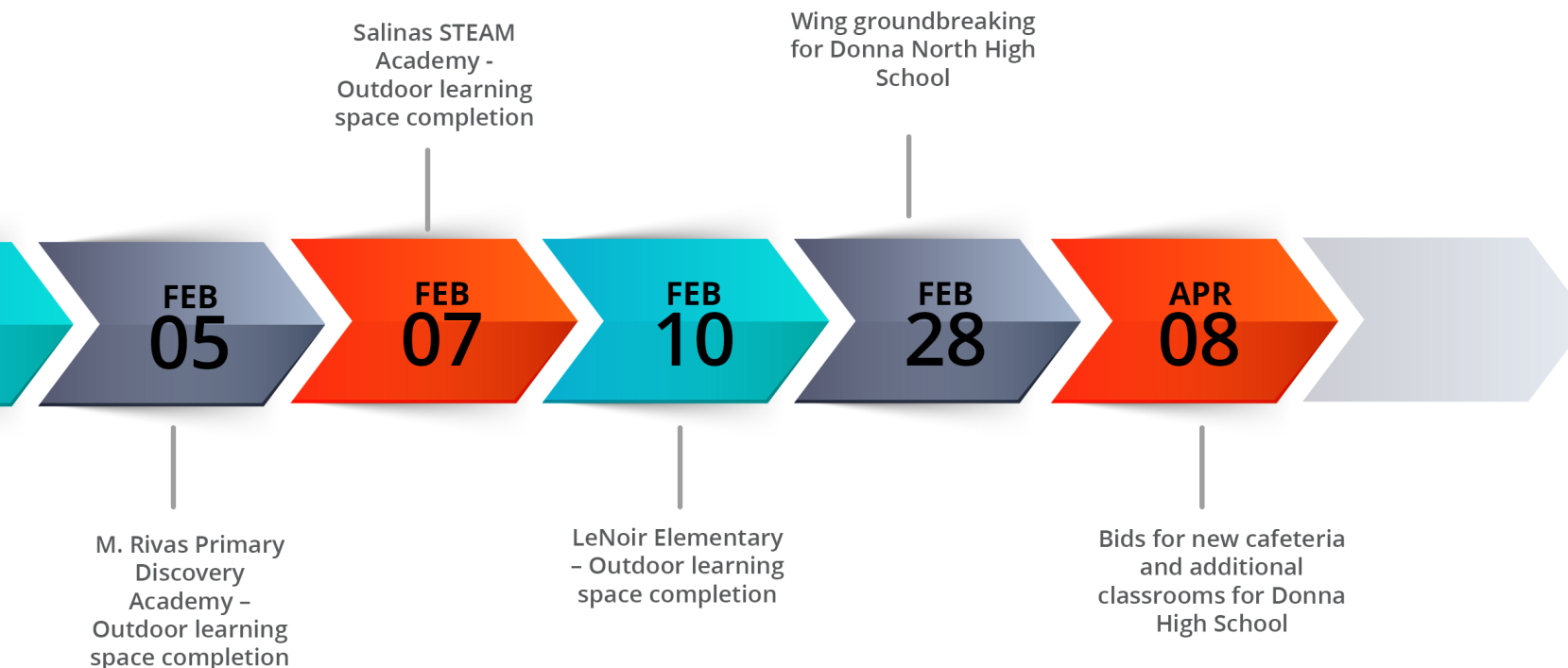
FINANCIALS

FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER
2023 TO JANUARY 2025

REVENUE ON INTEREST EARNED -
\$6,454,383

EXPENDITURES ON CONSTRUCTION -
\$9,012,597

Special Thank you to Enriquez Construction
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DONNA ISD POINTS OF PRIDE



Board of Trustees named Texas Outstanding School Board of the Year and H-E-B Excellence in Education State Finalist



★ Federico Gonzalez
TSPRA Gold Star Award Winner



Seven schools honored
as Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools

DHS's Jesus Bazaldua awarded the Dell Scholarship



A.P. Solis Middle School named one of the Best Middle Schools in Texas by U.S. News & World Report



Parent Pláticas



DHS's Damian Martinez named a Gates Scholar



DNHS's Roberto Resendez wins Gold Seal at State V.A.S.E. Art Championship



Sgt. Maria Morales awarded New Investigator of the Year by the Children's Advocacy Center



Veterans MS students win Regional Battle of the Books



DNHS' Ruby Perez - TPSA State Champion Female Fire Fighter Agility Course



DNHS' Emily Ortiz - TXPSTA State Champion Female Fire Fighter Agility Course

53 new teachers earn
Teacher Incentive
Allotment (TIA)
designations



★ Miriam Marentes
TSPRA Gold Star Award Winner



★ Thomas Ferrer
TSPRA Gold Star Award Winner
increased alumni
engagement

Public Relations team
wins 17 Gold & 5
Silver Star Awards at
TSPRA



DNHS' Deonare — THSPA State
Powerlifting Champion



M. Rivas Primary Discovery Academy wins H-E-B
Excellence in Education Early Childhood Award

DNHS's Kate Montiel,
Isabella Arevalo, and Karla
Ramirez are National
Qualifiers & State Champions
in Skills USA Career Pathway
Showcase



Superintendent Dr. Angela Dominguez
graduates from the Holdsworth
Superintendent Leadership Program



Board President Fernando Castillo receives
TSTA's Friend of Education Award



Lenoir Elementary's Cindy Gonzalez
named 2025 H-E-B Rising Star finalist



DNHS Spearettes HTE Nationals — National Team Grand Champions



DNHS' June Acevedo — THSWPA State
Powerlifting Champion



Pablo Gonzalez wins
Servant Heart Award,
and Isabel Quintero
earns Migrant
Support Staff of the
Year & Foundations
Award

HELP BUILD A LEGACY WITH DONNA ISD!

Donna ISD is excited to partner with local businesses and community leaders to create valuable opportunities for our students. Your expertise, time, and support can make a world of difference. Here's how you can help:

- Mentor our students
- Donate resources or services
- Be a guest speaker
- Support school events & initiatives



Your involvement is key to building a brighter future.
Fill out our simple form to get started and make an impact today!



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THE WAY**