

EAGLE MOUNTAIN-SAGINAW INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Annual Financial Management Report

(A report on the School FIRST Accountability Rating System)

For the 2024-2025 School Year

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Overview of School FIRST

This is the 23rd year of School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. Every school district in Texas is required to prepare an annual financial management report to disclose the district's financial management performance rating provided by TEA based on its comparison with financial measurements, ratios, and other indicators established by the Commissioner of Education for the State's Financial Accountability System. The rating is based on financial data for the 2023-2024 school year.

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. Its purpose is also to ensure that school districts will be held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to manage their financial resources better in order to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes. The system will also disclose the quality of local management and decision-making processes that impact the allocation of financial resources in Texas public schools.

The School FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of the 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." Districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating of "Suspended-Data Quality." Those districts that receive a substandard or data quality rating must file a corrective action plan with TEA and could face sanctions by the Commissioner of Education.

In order to achieve a Superior Achievement rating the district must have a score of 90-100. Above-Standard Achievement would require a score of 80-89. Standard Achievement would require a score of 70 and Substandard is less than 70 or "No" to any one indicator 1, 2, 3, or 4. Indicators 4, 5, 6, 16, 17, 20 and 21 can impose a ceiling maximum on the district's total number of points or overall rating.

EMS ISD Rating for 2024-2025

Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD's 2024-2025 School FIRST rating: A=Superior Achievement.

Of the 20 indicators for the financial period ended August 31, 2024, the district has all "Yes" answers on questions 1 through 4 and received the score of 96 out of 100 points on questions 6 through 20. The report generated by TEA for the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD based on 2023-2024 district data follows along with the overall result for all districts in the state. A copy of district's report for 2023-2024 is included for comparative purposes.

RATING YEAR **2024-2025**DISTRICT NUMBER **district #****Select An Option****Help****Home**

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2024-2025 RATINGS BASED ON SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 DATA - DISTRICT STATUS DETAIL

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Status: Passed		Publication Level 2: 8/8/2025 4:49:42 PM	
Rating: A = Superior Achievement		Last Updated: 8/8/2025 4:49:42 PM	
District Score: 96		Passing Score: 70	
#	Indicator Description	Updated	Score
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2	<u>Was there an unmodified opinion in the AFR on the financial statements as a whole? (The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) defines unmodified opinion. The external independent auditor determines if there was an unmodified opinion.)</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:55 PM	Yes
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4	<u>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? (If the school district received a warrant hold and the warrant hold was not cleared within 30 days from the date the warrant hold was issued, the school district is considered to not have made timely payments and will fail critical indicator 4. If the school district was issued a warrant hold, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 95 points, A = Superior Achievement, even if the issue surrounding the initial warrant hold was resolved and cleared within 30 days.)</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:55 PM	Yes Ceiling Passed
			1 Multiplier Sum
5	<u>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? (If it is not, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 79 points, C = Meets Standard Achievement, unless the school district has an increase of students in membership over 5 years of 7 percent or more or 1,000 or more students in membership. If the school district has an increase of students in membership over 5 years of 7 percent or more or 1,000 or more students in membership, the</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:55 PM	Ceiling Passed

	<u>maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 89 points, B = Above Standard Achievement.)</u>		
6	<u>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>	4/23/2025 6:09:55 PM	Ceiling Passed
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11	<u>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 or 1,000 or more students in membership, then the school district passes this indicator.)</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:55 PM	10
12	<u>What is the correlation between future debt requirements and the district's assessed property value?</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:55 PM	6
13	<u>Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio? See ranges below in the Determination of Points section.</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:55 PM	10
14	<u>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.</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:55 PM	10
15	<u>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? See ranges below in the Determination of Points section.</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:55 PM	5
16	<u>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? (If the school district fails indicator 16, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 89 points, B = Above Standard Achievement.)</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:55 PM	Ceiling Passed
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			96 Weighted Sum
			1 Multiplier Sum
			(100 Ceiling)
			96 Score

DETERMINATION OF 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 F for Substandard Achievement regardless of points earned.		
B.	Determine the rating by the applicable number of points.		
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Appendix 1:

SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

STATE OF TEXAS §
 § KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:
COUNTY OF TARRANT §

THIS SUPERINTENDENT'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT ("Contract") is made and entered into effective the 2nd day of December 2024; by and between the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District ("District") and Jerry D. Hollingsworth, Ed.D. ("Superintendent").

I.

TERM OF EMPLOYMENT

The Board, by and on behalf of the District, does hereby employ the Superintendent under Section 11.201(b) and Section 21.201 *et seq.* of the Texas Education Code as Superintendent of the District, and the Superintendent does hereby accept employment as Superintendent of Schools for the District for a term commencing on January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2027. The District may, by action of the Board, and with the consent and approval of the Superintendent, extend or renegotiate the Contract to a term permitted by state law. This Contract creates no property interest of any kind beyond the period of time stated in the Contract.

II.

EMPLOYMENT

2.1. **Duties.** The Superintendent shall be the chief executive officer and educational leader of the District and shall faithfully perform the duties of the Superintendent of Schools for the District as prescribed in the job description and as may be lawfully assigned by the Board, and shall administer the School District in accordance with all lawful Board directives, state and federal law, and District policy, rules and regulations, as they exist or may hereafter be amended, such laws, policies, rules, and regulations being expressly made a part of this Contract.

Specifically, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent to recommend for employment or hire all new personnel for the District subject to and consistent with the Board's policies and state and federal law. It shall be the further duty of the Superintendent to direct, assign, reassign, and evaluate all of the employees of the District consistent with Board policies and federal and state law. It shall further be the duty of the Superintendent to organize, reorganize and arrange the staff of the District subject to Board policies and state and federal law and to develop and establish administrative regulations, rules and procedures which the Superintendent deems necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the District, and which are consistent with the Board policies and state and

federal law. It shall be the further duty of the Superintendent to accept all resignations of employees of the District, consistent with the Board's policies, except that the Superintendent's resignation must be accepted by the Board. The Superintendent shall perform his duties for the District to the best of his ability. All duties assigned to the Superintendent by the Board shall be appropriate to and consistent with state law, Board policies, and the professional role and responsibility of the Superintendent.

2.2. **Board Meetings.** The Superintendent shall attend all meetings of the Board, both public and closed, and shall participate in the deliberations of the Board on all matters with the exception of those closed meetings devoted to the consideration of any action or lack of action on the Superintendent's Contract, to the Superintendent's salary and benefits as set forth in the Contract and/or the Superintendent's evaluation, to the resolving of conflicts between individual Board members, or when the Board is acting in its capacity as a tribunal and the Superintendent has appeared as a party or presented on behalf of the District in the hearing. In the event of illness or Board-approved absence, the Superintendent's designee shall attend such meetings.

2.3. **Board Committee Meetings.** The Superintendent shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the Board and shall attend all Board Committee Meetings and Board-authorized and approved citizen committee meetings. Further, the Superintendent shall provide recommendation(s) and/or information as to each of the items of business considered at each meeting as needed or requested by the Board.

2.4. **Criticisms, Complaints, and Suggestions.** The Board, individually and collectively, shall refer in a timely manner all substantive criticisms, complaints, and suggestions called to the Board's attention either: (a) to the Superintendent for study and/or appropriate action, and the Superintendent shall refer such matter(s) to the appropriate District employee or shall investigate such matter(s) and shall within a reasonable time inform the Board of the results of such efforts; or, (b) to the appropriate complaint resolution procedure as established by District Board policies.

2.5. **Professional Certification.** The Superintendent shall at all times during the term of this Contract, and any renewal or extension thereof, hold and maintain a valid certificate required of a superintendent by the State of Texas and issued by the Texas Education Agency.

2.6 **Reassignment.** The Superintendent cannot be reassigned from the position of Superintendent to another position without the Superintendent's express written consent.

2.7 **Indemnification.** To the extent it may be permitted to do by applicable law, including, but not limited to Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code Chapter 102, the District does hereby agree to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify Superintendent from any and all demands, claims, suits, actions, judgments, expenses and attorneys' fees incurred in any legal proceedings brought against Superintendent in the Superintendent's individual or official capacity as an employee and as Superintendent of the District, providing the incident(s), which is (are) the basis of any such demand, claim, suits, actions, judgments,

expenses and attorneys' fees, arose or does arise in the future from an act or omission of Superintendent as an employee of the District, acting within the course and scope of Superintendent's employment with the District; excluding, however, any such demand, claim, suits, actions, judgments, expenses and attorneys' fees for those claims or any causes of action where it is determined that Superintendent committed official misconduct, or committed a willful or wrongful act or omission, or an act or omission constituting gross negligence, or acted in bad faith; and excluding any costs, fees, expenses or damages that would be recoverable or payable under an insurance contract, held either by the District or by Superintendent. The selection of Superintendent's legal counsel shall be with the mutual agreement of Superintendent and the District if such legal counsel is not also District's legal counsel. A legal defense may be provided through insurance coverage, in which case Superintendent's right to agree to legal counsel provided for him will depend on the terms of the applicable insurance contract. To the extent this Section 2.7 exceeds the authority provided and limitations imposed by Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code, Chapter 102, it shall be construed and modified accordingly. The provisions of this Section 2.7 shall survive the termination of this Contract.

III.

COMPENSATION

3.1. **Salary.** The District shall provide the Superintendent with an annual salary in the sum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$315,000.00). This annual salary rate shall be paid to the Superintendent in equal installments consistent with the Board's policies, and on a pro-rated basis for any partial contract year (July 1 of each year to June 30 of the following year). This salary provision shall replace and supersede immediately any salary provision in previous contracts between the parties.

3.2. **Salary Adjustments.** At any time during the term of this Contract, the Board may, in its discretion, review and adjust the salary of the Superintendent, but in no event shall the Superintendent be paid less than the salary set forth pursuant to Section 3.1 of this Contract. Such adjustments, if any, shall be in the form of a written addendum to this Contract or a new contract, and such adjustment shall be exclusive of any insurance policy or other benefits, unless specifically provided in the addendum or new contract. If such adjustments are made during a contract year, the new salary shall not become effective until the beginning of the next full contract year unless made effective at a different time by action of the Board.

3.3. Other Benefits

3.3.1. **Expenses.** The District shall pay or reimburse the Superintendent for reasonable expenses incurred by the Superintendent in the continuing performance of the Superintendent's duties under this Contract. The District agrees to pay the actual and incidental costs incurred by the Superintendent for the reasons of district-related travel to destinations outside of Tarrant County, Denton County, Wise County and Dallas County; such costs may include, but are not limited to, gasoline, mileage, hotels and

accommodations, meals, rental car and other expenses incurred in the performance of the business of the District. Superintendent shall provide documentation for such expenses in accordance with District policy.

3.3.2. Vacations, Holidays, Sick Leave. The Superintendent may take, at the Superintendent's choice, the same number of days of vacation authorized by policies adopted by the Board for administrative employees on twelve-month contracts, the days to be in a single period or at different times. The vacation days taken by the Superintendent will be taken at such times or times as will least interfere with the performance of the Superintendent's duties as set forth in the Contract.

The Superintendent shall observe the same legal holidays as provided by Board policies for administrative employees on twelve-month contracts. The term "legal holiday(s)" includes days for which the District's central administration office is closed. The Superintendent is hereby granted the same number of illness benefits and leave as authorized by Board policies for administrative employees on twelve-month contracts, the days to be in a single period or at different times.

3.3.3. Professional Growth. The Superintendent shall devote the Superintendent's time, attention and energy to the direction, administration and supervision of the District. The Board, however, encourages the continued professional growth of the Superintendent through the Superintendent's active attendance and participation in appropriate professional meetings at the local, regional, state and national levels. The Board shall also encourage the participation of the Superintendent in pertinent education seminars and courses by public or private institutions or by educational associations, as well as the participation in the informational meetings with those individuals whose particular skills, expertise or backgrounds would serve to improve the capacity of the Superintendent to perform the Superintendent's professional responsibilities for the District. In its encouragement of the Superintendent to grow professionally, the District shall permit a reasonable amount of release time for the Superintendent, as the Superintendent and Board deem appropriate, to attend such seminars, courses or meetings. The District shall pay the Superintendent's membership dues to the American Association of School Administrators and the Texas Association of School Administrators, as well as other memberships, which the Superintendent and Board mutually agree are necessary to maintain and improve the Superintendent's professional skills. The District shall bear the reasonable costs and expenses for such attendance or membership.

3.3.4. Civic Activities. The Board encourages the Superintendent to become a member of and participate in community and civic affairs, including the chamber of commerce, civic clubs, governmental committees, and educational organizations. The Board concludes that such participation will serve a legitimate purpose related to the educational mission of the District. The Superintendent may hold offices or accept responsibilities in these professional organizations, provided that such responsibilities do not interfere with the performance of his duties as Superintendent. The Superintendent will communicate with the Board regarding such activities. The Board shall notify the Superintendent if the activity presents a conflict or interferes with the performance of his duties as Superintendent. The District shall reimburse the Superintendent for the cost of membership in all local civic organizations in which the Superintendent participates and related travel

outside of the District, subject to advance Board approval.

3.3.5. Employee Benefit Plans. The Superintendent shall be entitled to participate in 401(a) and 457 Employee Benefit Plans established by the District under the same terms and conditions set out in the plan document for such plans applicable to all employees of the District. The Superintendent may participate in a salary reduction agreement with the District as provided by Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code and guidelines established by the Texas Teacher Retirement System.

3.3.6. Teacher Retirement System. For performance of Superintendent duties, the District shall supplement the Superintendent's salary by an amount equal to the Superintendent's portion of the member contribution to the Texas Teacher Retirement System ("TRS") during the Term of this Contract, including any extensions thereof. This supplement shall include both the retirement and TRS-Care parts of the TRS member contribution, as applicable. This additional salary supplement for services rendered shall be paid to the Superintendent in regular monthly payroll installments and shall be reported as "creditable compensation" by the District for purposes of TRS, to the extent permitted by TRS.

3.3.7. Health Insurance. The District shall pay the same premiums for hospitalization and major medical insurance coverage for the Superintendent pursuant to the group health care plan provided by the District for its administrative employees.

3.3.8. Supplemental Retirement Plan. For each monthly payroll period beginning January 1, 2025, and thereafter during the term of this Contract, and any extension thereof, the District shall add to the monthly Salary of the Superintendent ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00). In the event the Superintendent executes a salary deferral agreement in accordance with the requirements of Sections 403(b) and/or 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") in at least the amount of the Additional Salary, the Additional Salary shall be paid as a salary deferral contribution ("Salary Deferral Contribution"). Under and pursuant to applicable Internal Revenue Service rules the Superintendent shall have the option to elect to receive the Additional Salary in cash rather than as a Salary Deferral Contribution. All such Salary Deferral Contributions contemplated herein shall be paid to a plan established by the District under Section 403(b) and/or Section 457(b) of the Code. Such plans shall include investments as allowed under Sections 403(b), 403(b)(7) and/or 457(b) of the Code, respectively, and the investments for the Superintendent's accounts shall be solely at his discretion. The Superintendent shall at all times be 100% vested in his account under the 403(b) and/or 457(b) plan. The Salary Deferral Contributions contemplated herein shall be treated as salary deferrals under the Code and shall be reported as "creditable compensation" by the District for purposes of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. No payments under this Section shall be made after the Superintendent's employment terminates.

3.4 Nepotism. Superintendent and District agree that Superintendent shall not employ persons related to Superintendent within the degree of relationship set forth in

Chapter 573.002 of the Texas Government Code, as further defined by Chapter 573.

3.5 **Technology.** The Superintendent shall maintain a personal account for mobile telephone service and shall not open an account in the name of the District. The Superintendent shall have total responsibility for payment of such personal account and the District shall have no obligation or responsibility related to said mobile telephone account. The District shall provide the Superintendent with other technology devices for the Superintendent professional and personal use, consistent with Board policy and District practices. The Superintendent understands that information stored in his cell phone, computer or other device is subject to public disclosure if such information is related to the public business of the School District or to his duties as Superintendent. Notwithstanding the location of personal data on the cell phone, computer or other device, whether such device is owned by the District or Superintendent, the parties agree that any personal or private information of the Superintendent contained on such devices shall be deemed private and the Superintendent's sole property; provided it shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent to assert, and to bear any costs of asserting, privacy or other confidentiality privileges or rights as to any such data or information.

3.6 **Benefits.** In addition to the benefits expressly set forth herein, the District shall provide other benefits to the Superintendent as provided to District employees by state law and Board policies including, without limitation, any stipends/bonuses/incentives provided to other administrative employees of the District. The Board reserves the right to amend its policies at any time during the term of this Contract to reduce or increase the benefits not expressly provided herein, at the Board's sole discretion.

IV.

PHYSICAL CONDITION AND DISABILITY

4.1 **Annual Physical Examination.** The Superintendent shall undergo an annual physical examination performed by a licensed physician of the Superintendent's choice. The physician shall submit a confidential statement to the Board verifying the Superintendent's fitness to perform the Superintendent's duties and copies of all such statements shall be maintained in the Superintendent's personnel file. The District shall pay all costs of the annual physical examination.

4.2 **Disability.**

- a. **Disability Procedure.** Should the Superintendent be unable to perform any or all of the essential functions of the material duties of his position by reason of illness, accident, etc., following complete exhaustion of all accrued vacation and sick leave, the Superintendent shall be placed on unpaid leave from the District upon a determination of Long Term or Permanent Disability as hereinafter provided; provided, however, that the Board, in its discretion, may continue to pay the Superintendent the amount for a period the Board deems appropriate.

- b. **Long Term or Permanent Disability.** Long Term or Permanent Disability

means a disability which renders the Superintendent incapable of performing any or all of the essential functions of the Superintendent's material duties or obligations of employment for a period which exceeds one hundred and eighty (180) business days or such an incapacity that is irreparable.

- c. **Determination of Long Term or Permanent Disability.** The determination of Long Term or Permanent Disability will be made by the Board based on a physical examination performed by a licensed physician selected by the Superintendent. The Board may obtain a second opinion from another licensed physician. The costs of the physical examinations provided for herein shall be paid by the District.
- d. **Action of the Board.** In the event that the disability of the Superintendent is a Long Term or Permanent Disability, as defined in subparagraph (b) of the paragraph, the Board, may, in its discretion, and upon a re-determination of disability under subparagraph (c), terminate this Contract by providing the Superintendent with written notice of such termination.

V.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE GOALS

5.1. **Annual Goals.** The Superintendent shall submit to the Board a preliminary list of goals for the District in January of each year, or at another time agreed to by the Board and Superintendent, for the Board's consideration and adoption. The Superintendent and the Board shall then meet, and the Board shall approve or revise the list of goals. The Superintendent shall submit to the Board for its approval a plan to implement the goals. The Superintendent and the Board shall meet biannually to assess the goals and may adjust or revise the goals either by action of the Board or upon recommendation of the Superintendent and approval of the Board.

5.2. **Performance Criteria.** The goals developed by the Superintendent and approved by the Board shall at all times be reduced to writing and shall be among the criteria on which the Superintendent's performance is reviewed and evaluated. The Board agrees to work with and support the Superintendent in implementing these goals.

VI.

REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

6.1. **Time and Basis of Evaluation.** The Board shall evaluate and assess in writing the performance of the Superintendent during the month of November each year during the term of this Contract, or at another time agreed to by the Board and Superintendent. The evaluation and assessment shall be reasonably related to the duties of the Superintendent and the goals and objectives approved by the Board for the year of evaluation.

6.2. **Confidentiality.** The evaluation of the Superintendent shall at all times be conducted in closed session unless the Superintendent and the Board agree that it shall be

conducted in open session. The evaluation and information concerning the evaluation, of whatever nature, shall be considered confidential information, as provided by law. Nothing herein shall prohibit the Board or the Superintendent from sharing the content of the Superintendent's evaluation with their respective legal counsel.

6.3. **Evaluation Format and Procedure.** The evaluation format and procedure shall be in accordance with the Board's policies and state and federal law. In the event that the Board determines that the performance of the Superintendent is unsatisfactory in any respect, it shall describe in writing, in reasonable detail, specific instances of unsatisfactory performance. The evaluation shall include recommendations as to areas of improvement in all instances where the Board deems performance to be unsatisfactory. A copy of the written evaluation shall be delivered to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have the right to make a written response to the evaluation within thirty (30) days of his receipt of the evaluation. That response shall become a permanent attachment to the evaluation in the Superintendent's personnel file. Within thirty (30) days of the delivery of the written evaluation to the Superintendent, the Board shall meet with the Superintendent to discuss the evaluation. The Board shall devote a portion of, or all of, one executive session annually to a discussion of the working relationship between the Superintendent and the Board. It is also agreed that the Superintendent and Board will hold at least a semi-annual evaluation conference in June of each year, or at another time agreed to by the Board and Superintendent, with a format agreeable to both sides. In the event the Board deems that the evaluation instrument, format, and/or procedure is to be modified by the Board and such modifications would require new or different performance expectations, such modifications must be adopted with input from the Superintendent and the Superintendent shall be provided a reasonable period of time to demonstrate such expected performance before being evaluated.

VII.

RENEWAL/NONRENEWAL OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

7.1. **Extension.** Following the annual evaluation of the Superintendent, the Board may consider extension of the Superintendent's contract.

7.2. **Non-renewal.** Non-renewal shall be in accordance with Board policy and applicable state and federal law, and the Superintendent shall be afforded all applicable rights as set forth in Board policies and state and federal law.

7.3. **Non-renewal Procedure.** In the event the Board proposes to not renew this Contract, the Superintendent shall be afforded all applicable rights as set forth in the Board's policies and state and federal law. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 21.212(a) of the Texas Education Code, the Superintendent shall be entitled to written notice, containing reasonable notice of the reason for the proposed nonrenewal, not later than 90 days before the last day of the contract term.

VIII.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

8.1. **Mutual Agreement.** This Contract shall be terminated by the mutual agreement of the Superintendent and the Board in writing, upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually agreed upon.

8.2. **Retirement, Death.** This Contract shall be terminated upon the retirement or death of the Superintendent.

8.3. **Resignation.** The Superintendent may relinquish the position and duties of the Superintendent and leave the employment of the District at the end of any school year without penalty, provided the Superintendent submits a resignation in writing to the Board ninety (90) days prior to the first day of instruction of the following school year.

8.4. **Dismissal for Good Cause.** The Board may dismiss the Superintendent at any time for good cause. Good cause shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Failure to fulfill duties or responsibilities as set forth under the terms and conditions of this Contract;
- (b) Incompetence or inefficiency in the performance of required or assigned duties as documented by evaluations, supplemental memoranda, or other written communication from the Board; provided, however, the terms and conditions of this paragraph shall not justify good cause unless the Board has provided the Superintendent a reasonable opportunity to remediate any incompetency or inefficiency;
- (c) Insubordination or failure to comply with lawful written Board directives;
- (d) Failure to comply with the Board's policies or the District's administrative regulations;
- (e) Neglect of duties;
- (f) Drunkenness or excessive use of alcoholic beverages;
- (g) Illegal use of drugs, hallucinogens, or other substances regulated by the Texas Controlled Substances Act;
- (h) Conviction of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude;
- (i) Failure to meet the District's standards of professional conduct;
- (j) Failure to comply with reasonable District professional development requirements regarding advanced course work or professional development;
- (k) Disability, not otherwise protected by law, that impairs performance of the required duties of the Superintendent;
- (l) Immorality, which is conduct the Board determines is not in conformity with the accepted moral standards of the community encompassed by the District. Immorality is not confined to sexual matters, but includes conduct inconsistent with rectitude or indicative of corruption, indecency, or depravity;
- (m) Assault on an employee or student;

- (n) Knowingly falsifying records or documents related to the District's activities;
- (o) Conscious misrepresentation of facts to the Board or other District officials in the conduct of the District's business;
- (p) Failure to fulfill requirements for superintendent certification; or,
- (q) Any other reason constituting "good cause" under Texas law.

8.5. **Termination Procedure.** In the event that the Board terminates this Contract, the Superintendent shall be afforded all the rights as set forth in the Board's policies and state and federal law.

IX.

MISCELLANEOUS

9.1. **Primary Residence.** No later than July 1, 2025, the Superintendent shall establish his primary residence within the geographic boundaries of the District. The parties may extend this timeframe upon mutual agreement. The Superintendent shall maintain such primary residence within the District continuously thereafter during the term of this Contract or any extension thereof while serving as Superintendent.

9.2. **Controlling Law.** The Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and shall be performable in Tarrant County, Texas. Venue for any legal action arising under this Agreement shall be in a state court of competent jurisdiction in Tarrant County, Texas, unless state or federal laws require a different venue.

9.3. **Complete Agreement.** This Contract embodies the entire agreement between the parties hereto and cannot be varied except by written agreement of the undersigned parties.

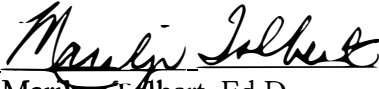
9.4. **Conflicts.** In the event of any conflict between the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Contract and the provisions of the Board's policies, or any permissive state or federal law, then, unless otherwise prohibited by law, the terms of this Contract shall take precedence over the contrary provisions of the Board's policies or any such permissive law during the term of the Contract.

9.5. **Savings Clause.** In the event any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision thereof, and this Contract shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein. All existing agreements and contracts, both verbal and written, between the parties hereto regarding the employment of the Superintendent for the term stated herein have been superseded by this Contract, and this Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties unless amended pursuant to the terms of this Contract.

9.6. **Paragraph Headings.** The headings used at the beginning of each numbered paragraph in this Contract are not intended to have any legal effect; the headings do not limit or expand the meaning of the paragraphs that follow them.

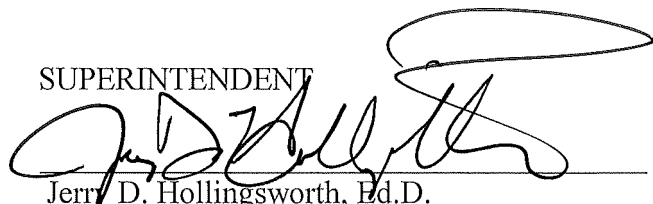
EXECUTED on this 2nd day of December 2024.

EAGLE MOUNTAIN-SAGINAW
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Appendix 2:

Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2024

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended August 31, 2024

Description of Reimbursements	Jim F. Chadwell Superintendent*	Marilyn Tolbert Trustee Place 1	Paige Ring Trustee Place 2	Tim Daughtrey Trustee Place 3	William Boaz Trustee Place 4	Steven G. Newcom Trustee Place 5	Ron Franklin Trustee Place 6	Blake Mabry Trustee Place 7
Meals	\$141.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$264.00	\$ 0	\$ 0
Lodging	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$663.81	\$ 0	\$ 0
Transportation	\$687.62	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$976.43	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other	\$800.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total	\$1,628.62	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$1,904.23	\$ 0	\$ 0

• As stipulated in the contract, reimbursements are for district-related travel costs outside of Tarrant County, Denton County, Wise County, and Dallas County.

Other Compensation Received by the Superintendent

Compensation and/or fees received by the Superintendent from another school district or any other outside entity in exchange for professional consulting and/or other personal services.

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended August 31, 2024:

<u>Name(s) of Entities</u>	<u>Amount Received</u>
None	\$0.00

Note: Monies earned at ESC Region XI are remitted to the EMS ISD Education Foundation.

Disclosure of Gifts from Vendors to Board and Employees

None Reported

Business transactions between school district and board members for fiscal year 2024

For the Twelve-month Period Ended August 31, 2024

Name	Business	Total
Tim Daughtrey	Champion Track & Turf Repair	\$11,800.00



**EAGLE MOUNTAIN
SAGINAW ISD**

Fostering a Culture of Excellence

**School FIRST Rating
September 22, 2025**

2024-2025 School FIRST Rating



- School FIRST – **F**inancial **I**ntegrity **R**ating **S**ystem of **T**exas is Administered by the Texas Education Agency
- Based on 2023-2024 Data
- Potential 100 Points / 70 points = Passing
- Four Critical Indicators, Seven Ceiling Indicators, and 11 Scored Indicators for 2024-2025 to evaluate financial status and compliance

EMS ISD Score: 96 A = Superior Achievement



Key Points of the Scoring Analysis:

- All Four Critical Indicators and seven Ceiling Indicators Passed
- Overall Strong Performance and Compliance
- Fast Growth Districts like EMS ISD will not be able to achieve a perfect score
- Low Administrative Ratio Cost for full value of Indicator 13

School FIRST Rating History



Current Year Rating:

- 2024-2025: 96 A = Superior Achievement

Three Prior Years:

- 2023-2024: 96 A = Superior Achievement
- 2022-2023: 96 A = Superior Achievement
- 2021-2022: 96 A = Superior Achievement

School Finance-Related Rating History



FIRST Reports available on the EMS ISD website:

- 2013-2014 Rating to present (13 years)

Unqualified (Clean) Audit Reports

- 2012 -2013 Fiscal Year to present available online

Credit Rating Agencies – Current Ratings for EMS ISD

- Moody's Investors Service: "Aa2"
- S&P Global Ratings: "AA-"
- Fitch Ratings, Inc.: "AA"

School Finance-Related Rating History



Comptroller Transparency Stars

- EMS ISD – Not Rated
- *Optional* program created over 10 years ago prior to increased risk of cyber-related fraud
- Requires five years of 13 financial data items in specific formats
- EMS ISD provides over 10 years of the same data in postings of:
 - ✓ *Proposed/Approved Budget Summaries*
 - ✓ *Annual Debt Transparency Reports*
 - ✓ *Annual Audit Reports*
- EMS ISD does not post raw format budget detail and check register transaction data due to risk of cyber-related fraud; however, information is available by public information request

Questions

