



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Conference Presentation Board of Education Meeting: 11/02/26

Item Title:	<u>Public Hearing -- School FIRST</u>	<u></u>	Action
	<u>(Financial Integrity Rating System</u>	<u>X</u>	Information
	<u>of Texas)</u>	<u></u>	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 2024-2025 school year, budgetary and actual financial data for the 2025 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 2026.

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 a C rating "Meets Standard Achievement".

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Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Recommended by: Executive Director

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When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.