



PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, December 5, 2022
5:30 PM
Board Room
514 W. Quincy Street
San Antonio, TX 78212

AGENDA

- 1. **Meeting Called to Order**
 - A. Roll Call of Board Members Present and Declaration of Quorum Present _____
Absent _____
 - 1. Mrs. Christina Martinez
 - 2. Ms. Alicia Sebastian
 - 3. Mr. Arthur Valdez
 - 4. Mr. Ed Garza
 - 5. Ms. Leticia Ozuna
 - 6. Mrs. Patti Radle
 - 7. Mrs. Sarah Sorensen
 - B. Recording of Superintendent Present
 - 1. Dr. Jaime Aquino
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance to the U. S. Flag
 - D. Salute to the Texas Flag - "Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."
 - E. Citizens' Presentations - 30-minute total time limit for this item (*Please note: Public comments are limited to items on the posted agenda.*)
- 2. **Public Meeting to Discuss the Results of TEA's Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (Schools FIRST) Report for the 2020-2021 School Year** **3**
- 3. **Adjournment**
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2. Recess: The Board of Trustees may recess the meeting at any time and reconvene the meeting within 24 hours. The reconvened meeting will occur at the same location as the original meeting and will address the original agenda without the need for reposting.

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SAISD BOARD AGENDA SUMMARY FORM

AGENDA TITLE: Public Meeting to Discuss the Results of TEA’s Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (Schools FIRST) Report for the 2020-2021 School Year

PURPOSE: PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION
 DISCUSSION/ACTION

REQUESTED BY: Dottie Carreon, Chief Financial Officer

PRESENTERS: Dottie Carreon

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2022

I. DESCRIPTION OF ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

San Antonio ISD is required to hold a public hearing each year to report on the District’s “School FIRST” (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) score. School FIRST is the District’s financial accountability score provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) based on indicators established by the Commissioner of Education. The 2022 score is based on an analysis of budgetary and actual financial data for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, according to benchmarks established by TEA. SAISD received the score of “Above Standard” for the 2020-2021 school year. The School FIRST accountability score ensures that Texas school districts are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently.

This is a discussion-only item. No action is required.

II. RECOMMENDATION AND/OR ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

N/A

III. BUDGET CODE NUMBER, DESCRIPTION AND AMOUNT

N/A

IV. 2022 - 2023 DISTRICT GOALS/GUARDRAILS (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Improve Reading and Writing Outcomes for all Students** - We will increase the percentage of all students who are Meets grade level in reading across all grades from 35% in August 2022, to 50% in August 2027.
- Improve Math Outcomes for Black Students** - We will increase the percentage of Black students who are Meets grade level in math across all grades from 16% in August 2022, to 50% in August 2027.
- Improve College Readiness for Students with Disabilities** - We will increase the percentage of students with IEPs receiving instruction and services in the general education setting who meet the TSI College-Ready Standard in reading and math from 4% in August 2022, to 30% in August 2027.

- Improve Social Emotional Readiness in all Students** - We will increase by 25% the percentage of all students who meet the “to be determined” SAISD Standard for Social Emotional Readiness from the August 2024 baseline, to baseline +25% in August 2027.

The following Board Guardrails were designed to represent the community values that must be protected while in pursuit of the Board Goals. (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- Embrace Our Community** - The Superintendent will not implement major decisions of the board without authentic community engagement, including students, staff, families, and community.
- Support Excellent Schools in Every Neighborhood** - The Superintendent will not allow any neighborhood to be without a high-quality school.
- Create Safe Environments** - The Superintendent will not allow students, staff, and families to learn and work in an environment that is not physically and emotionally safe.
- Ensure Equitable Funding** - The Superintendent will not allow any school to be funded at a level that is inadequate to produce transformational learning in all students.

SAN ANTONIO ISD PUBLIC HEARING FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS



2022 FIRST RATING for 2020-21 DATA December 5, 2022

Date: December 5, 2022
Presenter: Dottie Carreon



The acronym “**FIRST**” stands for
Financial **I**ntegrity **R**ating **S**ystem of **T**exas.

- This is the 20th year of TEA’s Schools FIRST Program
- The rating system is intended to transparently communicate a school district’s overall financial standing based on analysis of various indicators and measurements as determined by the Texas Education Agency.
- The program includes the following requirements:
 - a **Public Hearing** is required each year, including an opportunity for public comments.
 - a **Newspaper Advertisement** including date, time, and location for the Public Hearing
 - a **Management Report** is made available at the Public Hearing, which includes:
 - details on the SCHOOL FIRST rating and
 - required disclosures from Board Trustees and the Superintendent



San Antonio ISD's School FIRST rating received during 2022 is for data from the 2020-2021 school year, and contains 19 indicators.

Scoring system for the indicators:

A = Superior Achievement: Score 90-100

B = Above Standard Achievement: Score 80-89

C = Meets Standard: Score 70-79

F = Substandard Achievement: Score < 70

or

"No" to one of these default indicators (#1, 2, 3, or 4).

The District received **"B for Above Standard Achievement"** with 88 points.

The District received the same rating **"B for Standard Achievement"** in the prior year though this year's numerical score of 88 is **an improvement of 2 points from the prior year's score** of 86 points.



FOUR CRITICAL INDICATORS - Must answer **YES** to all four, or rating is "F".

1. **YES** - Was the "Annual Financial Report" filed within one month after November 27th or January 28th deadline depending upon the District's fiscal year end date (June 30th or August 31st)? (*financial reporting compliance*)
2. **YES** - Was there an "Unmodified Opinion" In Annual Financial Report? (*clean audit*)
3. **YES** - Was the School District in Compliance with the Payment Terms of all Debt Agreements at Year-End? (*timely payment on debt obligations*)
4. **YES** - Did the school district make timely payment to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other governmental agencies? (*timely payment for all mandated tax and TRS obligations*)



FOUR INDICATORS with a YES SCORE REQUIRED - Or Overall Score is **LIMITED**

6. **YES** - Was the average change in fund balances over 3 years less than a 25% decrease or did the current year's fund balance exceed 75 days of operational expenditures? *(adequate reserves)*
16. **YES** - Did the comparison of PEIMS data to like information in annual financial report result in an aggregate variance of less than 3 percent of expenditures by function? *(data accuracy)*
17. **YES** - Did the external independent auditor indicate the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material weakness in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds? *(strength of internal controls)*
20. **YES** - Did school board members discuss the district's property values at a board meeting within 120 days before the district adopted its budget? *(compliance)*



ELEVEN SCORED INDICATORS with available points that total 100

7. **2 of 10 points** - 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)? *(testing for short-term solvency - the amount of time that the school district can continue to operate with no new revenues - only current cash on hand)*
11. **8 of 10 points** - Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets for the school district sufficient to support long-term solvency? *(testing for long-term solvency - the ratio of the district's debt burden compared to total assets including cash, investments and capital assets)*
12. **8 of 10 points** - Was the debt per \$100 of assessed property value ratio sufficient to support future debt repayments? *(testing for the school district's ability to meet future debt payments based on the current tax base)*



SAN ANTONIO ISD EARNED FULL POINTS ON THE REMAINING 8 INDICATORS:

8. **10 of 10 points** - Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt? (*testing for school district's ability to meet short-term obligations*)
9. **10 of 10 points** - 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? (*asking if the school district spent more than it earned in the current school year*)
10. **10 of 10 points** - Did the school district average less than a 10% variance when comparing budgeted revenues to actual revenues for 3 years? (*testing accuracy of budget projections*)
13. **10 of 10 points** - Was the school district's administrative cost ratio less than the threshold ratio? (*testing that general & administrative overhead is not excessive*)



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14. **10 of 10 points** - Did the school district not have a 15 percent decline in the students to staff ratio over 3 years (total enrollment to total staff)? (*testing for school district's enrollment stability and agility to alter staffing to match enrollment changes*)
15. **5 of 5 points** - Was the school district's ADA within the allotted range of the district's biennial pupil projections submitted to TEA? (*TEA not scoring due to impact of COVID*)
18. **10 of 10 points** - 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? (*testing for regulatory and legal compliance*)
19. **5 of 5 points** - 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 year end? (*testing compliance with required postings*)

Questions?

Thank you

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