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A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Bryan Independent School District will be held on Monday, December 2, 2024, beginning at 12:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 801 South Ennis Street, Bryan, Texas 77803, where a quorum of the Board of Trustees will be present.

The subjects to be discussed, considered, or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown on this meeting agenda. A closed meeting may be held at any time during the open meeting as authorized by various sections of the Texas Government Code. When this occurs, a formal statement will be made by the president or presiding officer of the Board of Trustees.

**1. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC HEARING**

1.A. Public Hearing - Presentation of the District's Annual FIRST Rating



# Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)

## VISION

CHILDREN FIRST. ALWAYS.

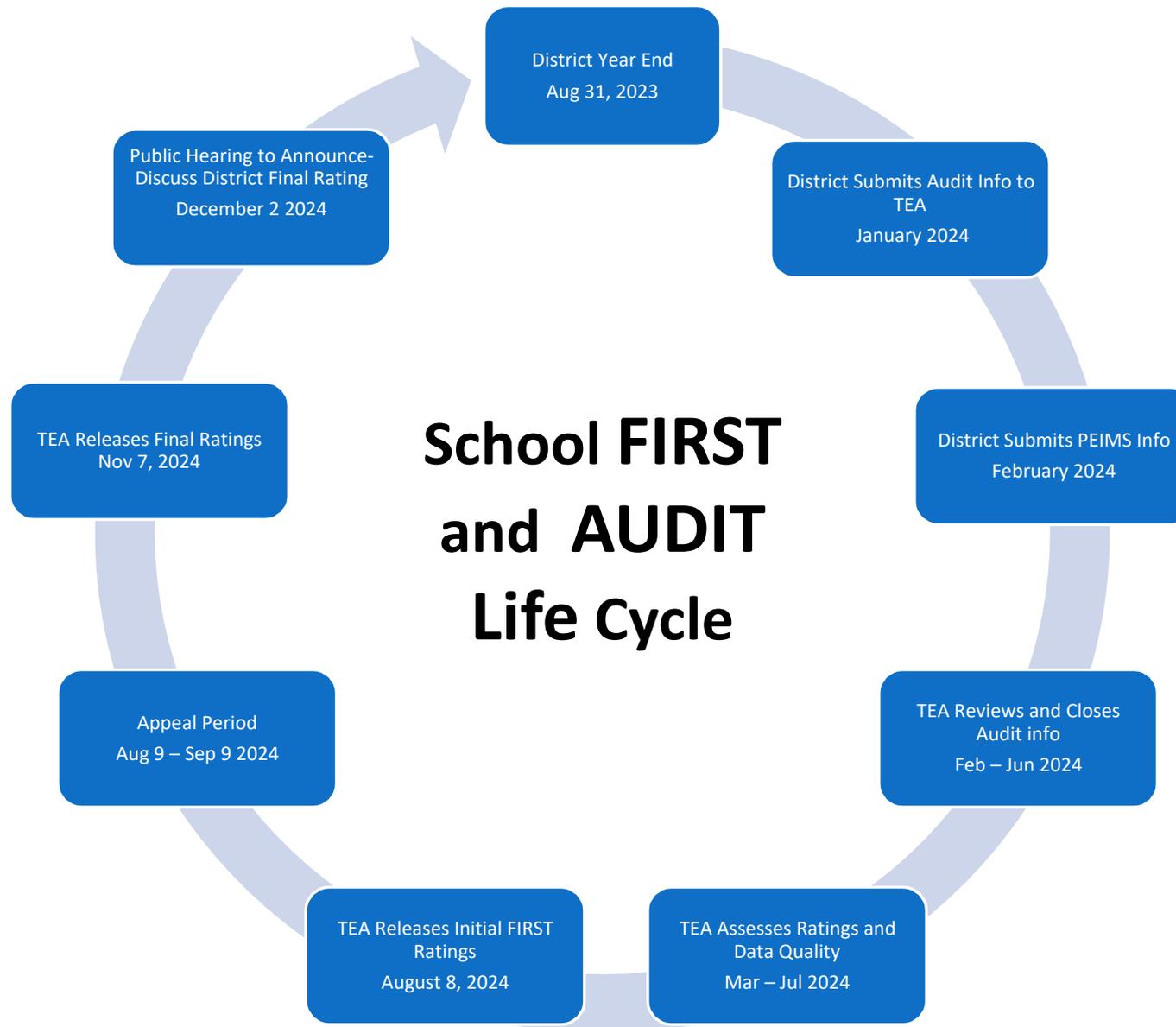
## MISSION STATEMENT

BRYAN ISD, THROUGH INNOVATION AND CHOICE IN EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS, WILL PROVIDE POSITIVE EXPERIENCES THAT ENSURE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND POST-SECONDARY SUCCESS.



## Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

- Commonly referred to as FIRST
- Method of assigning a uniform financial rating to public schools in Texas based on 21 various indicators
- Ratings are: A=Superior, B=Above Standard, C=Meets Standard and F=Substandard
- A financial solvency review, separate from FIRST is also included





# Bryan ISD Rating for 2023-2024

(Based on 2022-2023 Data)

## A=Superior

District has received the highest possible rating each year since inception of the FIRST rating in 2001



## Statewide Comparison

(Excludes Charters)

### 2022-2023 RATING COUNTS

Ratings	Count	% Total	Enrollment	% Total Enrollment
A – Superior	870	85.55 %	4,648,648	91.19%
B – Above Standard	82	8.06 %	333,718	6.55 %
C – Meets Standard	50	4.92 %	94,523	1.85 %
F – Substandard Achievement	15	1.47 %	20,929	0.41 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>5,097,818</b>	<b>100 %</b>



## Bryan ISD Rating Details

- Critical Indicators
  - Timely Filing Annual Financial Report (AFR)
  - Unmodified Opinion on the Annual Financial Report
  - Compliance with Payment Terms of All Debt
  - Timely Payments to Teacher Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other government agencies

The District passed all these indicators



## Bryan ISD Rating Details cont.

- Fiscal Responsibility
  - Cash on hand and current investments in general fund sufficient to cover operating expenditures
  - Current assets to current liabilities ratio sufficient to cover short-term debt
    - (received 8 of 10 possible points on this indicator)
  - Ratio of long term liabilities to total assets sufficient to support long term solvency
  - General fund revenues equal or exceed expenditures (or cash on hand sufficient to last 60 days)
  - Debt service coverage ratio sufficient to meet required debt service

The District received a 2 point reduction on these indicators



## Bryan ISD Rating Details cont.

- Personnel
  - District's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio
  - District did not have a 15 percent decline in student to staff ratio over 3 years (total enrollment to total staff)

The District received the maximum points on these indicators



## Bryan ISD Rating Details cont.

- Financial Competence and Compliance
  - PEIMS data compared to like data from the Annual Financial Report (AFR) within acceptable range
  - External independent auditor indicate the AFR was free of any instances of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance
  - External independent auditor indicate the AFR was free of any instances of material noncompliance for grants, contracts and laws related to local, state or federal funds.
  - Did the School District post the required financial information on its website according to government statutes, laws and rules in place at their fiscal year end.

The District received the maximum points on these indicators



## Effect of Ceiling Indicators Statewide

### 2021-2022 RATING COUNTS

### 2022-2023 RATING COUNTS

Ratings	Count	% Total	Count	% Total
A – Superior	919	90.28 %	870	85.55 %
B – Above Standard	50	4.91 %	82	8.06 %
C – Meets Standard	41	4.03 %	50	4.92 %
F – Substandard Achievement	8	0.79 %	15	1.47 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>1,017</b>	<b>100 %</b>



## Other Information

Along with the rating, Districts are required to report the following:

- Superintendent's current contract
- Reimbursements received by the Board Members and Superintendent
- Any outside compensation or fees received by the Superintendent (there were none)

This information is included in the report



## Areas We Need To Monitor

- Investments
  - Continue to maximize the return on District funds while being aware of indicators 7 and 8 involving current investments and current assets
  
- Administrative Cost Ratio
  - BISD received the maximum points allowable on this criteria, but close monitoring is warranted as this is an important solvency indicator in the rating.
  
- Fund Balance
  - Maintain Strong Fund Balance, within policy limits.
  
- Continue to monitor for changes to indicators
  - Almost every year sees some change(s) in the indicators



# Questions?

**2. ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING**

**3. CALL TO ORDER WORKSHOP**

**4. Welcome**

**5. Information Item**

5.A. Community Feedback Requested on Calendar Survey & Fall Survey

**6. Citizens' Comments**

**7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND OR ACTION / CONSENT AGENDA**

7.A. Annual Purchasing Cooperative Report



To: Board of Trustees

Date: December 2, 2024

Subject: Purchasing Cooperative Fees Report 2024-2025

Per House Bill 273 passed during the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, school districts are required to submit annually a written report to their board of trustees the fees paid to purchasing cooperatives and the purpose of such fees.

Bryan ISD was a member of the following purchasing cooperatives during the 2023 - 2024 school years. Membership in these purchasing cooperatives is authorized under TEC 44.031 (a) (4), was instituted through an inter-local agreement between the cooperative and Bryan ISD, and has been renewed for 2024 - 2025 school year. Each of these cooperatives follows the competitive bidding laws of the State of Texas and Bryan ISD accesses this discount pricing by following the guidelines of the cooperative.

Purchasing Cooperative	Membership Fee	Handling Fee	Products Offered
1GPA Cooperative	\$0	\$0	
CTPA (Central Texas Purchasing Alliance)	\$150	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology
Department of Information Resources (DIR) (State Agency)	\$0	\$0	technology services and products
E & I Cooperative Services	\$0	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology
Equalis	\$0	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology
First Choice Cooperative	\$0	\$0	
GSA Advantage	\$0	\$0	
Harris County Department of Education (HCDE) which includes Choice Partners	\$0	\$0	custodial & office supplies
HGAC - Houston/Galveston Area Cooperative	\$0	\$0	
National IPA Purchasing Group (Provista)	\$0	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology, maint, grounds
NCPA	\$0	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology
NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance)	\$0	\$0	construction contracts, fleet, food service, nursing supplies, utility equipment, mail equipment, office/classroom, technology, transportation
Purchasing Solutions Alliance (PSA)	\$0	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology
Region 1 ESC Purchasing Cooperative	\$0	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology
Region 2 ESC Purchasing Cooperative, Goodbuy	\$0	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology
Region 3, Purchasing Cooperative of America	\$0	\$0	
Region 4 ESC Purchasing Cooperative	\$0	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology
Region 4 ESC - The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)	\$0	\$0	maintenance & technology supplies
Region 5 - Southeast Texas Cooperative Purchasing	\$875	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology
Region 6 ESC Purchasing Cooperative	\$0	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology
Region 8 - TIPS/TAPS	\$0	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology
Region 19 ESC Purchasing Cooperative	\$0	\$0	athletic, instructional, library, office, furniture, nursing, fine arts, sp ed, technology
Region 20, PACE Purchasing Cooperative	\$0	\$0	AV, custodial, office supplies, furniture,
State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program (administered by Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts) - includes TPASS, TX Smart Buy, TXMAS	\$100	\$0	copier leases, vehicles, buses
TASB Risk Management Fund	\$0	\$0	Comprehensive and Responsive Risk Management Coverage
Texas Local Government and Statewide Purchasing Cooperative (TASB Buyboard)	\$0	\$400 for vehicles; \$800 for buses	transportation, maintenance, fine arts, curriculum, furniture, playground

**8. Closed Session**

8.A. Discuss Issues Pertaining to Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee - Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074

8.B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.0821, Deliberation Concerning a Public School Student Wherein Personally Identifiable Information will Necessarily be Revealed

8.C. Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.087, Consultation with Attorney to Discuss Legal Requirements and Financial Terms of JETI Tax Incentive Program

8.D. Deliberate Selection of Board Officers - Texas Government Code Section 551.074

**9. Reconvene in Open Session**

9.A. Reorganization of Board Officers

**10. ADJOURN**

Posted: Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 5:00 p.m.



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For the Board of Trustees