



Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Annual Report Overview

The Pleasant Grove ISD received a rating of “Superior Achievement” under Texas’ Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2020. The Above Standard rating is the state’s highest, demonstrating the quality of the financial management and reporting system of Pleasant Grove ISD.

The Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas), is a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of Schools 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.

The Schools FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being “Superior”. The rating system consists of 20 indicators. To receive the “Superior” rating the district must have a score in the range 90 to 100. Pleasant Grove ISD had a weighted score of 94.

The 2019-2020 District Status report is attached to this report as Exhibit A. The report contains each indicator and the result for the district. The indicators cover many different areas of school operations including, finance, staffing, and accreditation.



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Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) Annual Report District Status Detail

Indicator 1 Was the completed annual financial report (AFR) and data submitted to the TEA within 30 days of the January 28 deadline?

Yes. The Annual Financial Report (AFR) was submitted to TEA on January 15, 2021

Indicator 2 Was there an unmodified opinion in the AFR on the financial statements as a whole? (Unmodified opinion is defined by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and is determined by the external independent auditor.)

Yes. An unmodified opinion was the determination of the district's external independent auditors.

Indicator 3 Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end?

Yes.

Indicator 4 Did the school district make timely payments to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies?

Yes. The district made timely payments to government agencies.

Indicator 5 Was the total unrestricted net position balance in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Position greater than zero? (If the school district's change of students in membership over five years was 10% or more, then the school district also passes this indicator.)

Indicator 5 is not being scored for 2019-2020.

Indicator 6 Was the average change in fund balance over 3 years less than a 25% decrease or did the current year's assigned & unassigned fund balance exceed 75 days of operational expenditures.

Average Change in Fund Balance = 14.64% (less than 25% threshold)

Assigned & Unassigned Fund Balance = \$6,605,130 (33% of operational expenditures)

Indicator 7 Was the number of day's cash on hand and current investments in the general fund for the district sufficient to cover operating expenditures?

Number of days cash on hand = 164

10 points awarded for greater than 90 days

Indicator 8 Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio sufficient to cover short-term debt?

Assets = \$20.3 million
Liabilities = \$5.4 million
Ratio = 3.7 (threshold 3.0)

Indicator 9 Were general fund revenues equal to or greater than expenditures?

Revenues = \$21 million
Expenditures = \$20 million

Indicator 10 Did the district's average less than a 10% variance when comparing budgeted revenues to actual revenues for the last 3 fiscal years?

District's average = 5.3% (threshold 10%)

Indicator 11 Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets sufficient to support long-term solvency?

Long-Term Liabilities = \$46 million
Total Assets = \$75 million
Ratio = 61.4%

Indicator 12 Was the debt per \$100 of assessed property value ratio sufficient to support future debt repayment?

Long-term liabilities = \$46 million
\$100 per assess property value = \$940 million
Ratio = 4.83% (10 point threshold < 4%)
Score = 8

Indicator 13 Was the district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio?

District's administrative cost ratio = 12.3%
10-Point threshold < 11.51%
Score = 8

Indicator 14 Did the district not have a 15% decline in the student to staff ration over 3 years?

District decline = 0.03%
Threshold = 15%

Indicator 15 Was the district's ADA within the allotted range of the district's biennial pupil projections submitted to TEA?

Projected ADA = 2,043

Actual ADA = 2,078

Ratio = 1.7%

Threshold = < 20%

Indicator 16 Did the comparison of PEIMS data to like information in the district's AFR result in a total variance of less than 3% of all expenditures per function?

District variance = 0%

Threshold = < 3%

Indicator 17 Did the external auditor report that the AFR was free of any instances of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds?

No instances of material weaknesses in internal controls.

Indicator 18 Did the external auditor indicate the AFR was free of any instances of material noncompliance for grants, contracts, and laws related to local, state, or federal funds?

No instances of material weaknesses reported.

Indicator 19 Did the district post the required financial information on its website in accordance with Government Code, Local Government Code, TEC, TAC, and other statutes, laws, and rules?

Yes

Indicator 20 Did the school board members discuss the district's property values at a board meeting within 120 days before the district adopted its budget?

Yes

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Financial Disclosures for Superintendent and School Board

Title 19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter AA, Commissioner’s Rule Concerning Financial Accountability Rating System, Section 109.001(o).

Table 1								
Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members								
For the Twelve-Month Period Ending August 31, 2020								
Description of Reimbursement	Superintendent	Brandy Eldridge	Lorie Son	Chris Barker	Mark Addington	Amy Damron	Ross Sarine	Kathaleen Young
Meals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lodging	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Motor Fuel	\$ 39.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 190.00	\$ 271.48	\$ 185.00
Total	\$ 39.09	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 190.00	\$ 271.48	\$ 185.00

All "reimbursement" expenses, regardless of the manner of payment, including direct pay, credit card, cash, and purchase order are to be reported. Items reported per category include:
Meals - Meals consumed out of town, and in-district meals at area restaurants (outside of board meetings).
Lodging - Hotel charges
Transportation - Airfare and car rental
Other - Registration fees, telephone/call phone, internet service, fax machine, and other reimbursements

Table 2	
Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for Professional Consulting and/or Other Personal Services	
For the Twelve-Month Period Ending August, 31, 2020	
Name of Entity	Amount Received
	\$ -
Total	\$ -
Compensation does not include business revenues generated from a family business (Farming, ranching, etc.) that has no relation to school district business.	

Table 3								
Gifts Received by Executive Officers and Board Members (and First Degree Relatives, if any) (gifts that had an economic value of \$250 or more in the aggregate in the fiscal year)								
For the Twelve-Month Period Ending August 31, 2020								
	Superintendent	Fred Meisenheimer	Lorie Son	Chris Barker	Mark Addington	Amy Damron	Ross Sarine	Kathaleen Young
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Table 4								
Business Transactions between School District and Board Members								
For the Twelve-Month Period Ending August 31, 2020								
	Fred Meisenheimer	Lorie Son	Chris Barker	Mark Addington	Amy Damron	Ross Sarine	Kathaleen Young	
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

