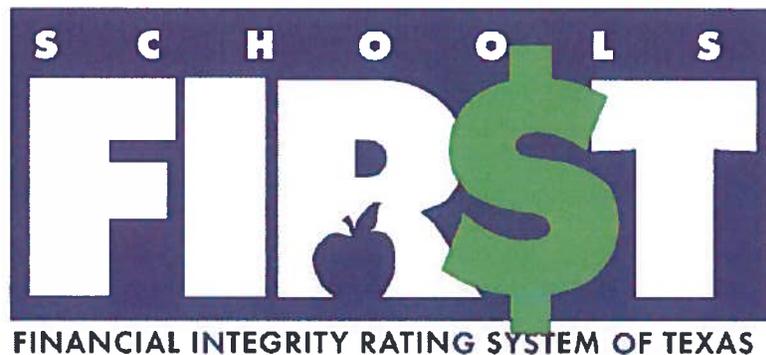




2015-2016 RATING OF "A" FOR SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT

State's Highest Fiscal Accountability
Rating



Pearland Independent School District
Presented October 11, 2016

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Section One



PEARLAND ISD

John P. Kelly, Ph.D.
Superintendent

October 11, 2016

Board of Trustees
Pearland Independent School District

Dear Members of the Board:

Pearland Independent School District received a rating of “A” for “Superior Achievement” under Texas’ School First accountability rating system for the 2015-2016 rating year. The “Superior Achievement” rating is the state’s highest, demonstrating the quality of Pearland ISD’s financial management and reporting system. A score of 70 out of a possible 100 earns the rating of Superior Achievement and Pearland received a score of 94.

This is the 14th year of School FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas) for the financial accountability system developed by the Texas Education Agency for school districts in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 and amendments under Bill 5 of the 83rd Texas Legislature in 2013 which required TEA to combine financial accountability indicators with financial solvency indicators. The changes to the School FIRST system implemented by TEA in August 2016 are the second series of changes to be phased-in over a three-year period. 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.

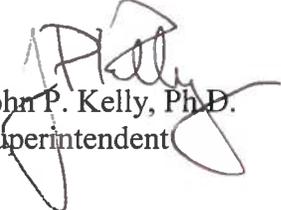
The Texas Education Agency assigned one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being “A” for “Superior Achievement,” followed by “B” for “Above-Standard Achievement,” “C” for “Standard Achievement” and “F” for “Substandard Achievement.” Pearland ISD achieved the highest rating offered by the rating system for thirteen of the fourteen years in existence.

In addition to the fifteen indicators in the 2015-2016 rating, public school districts are also required to disclose information regarding (a) the Superintendent’s employment contract, (b) reimbursements received by the Superintendent and school board members, (c) outside compensation and fees received by the Superintendent for professional and/or personal services, (d) gifts received by executive officers and board members, (e) business transactions between the school district and board members and (f) any other information the board of trustees determines to be useful.

Schools FIRST program ensures that Texas school districts not only take responsibility for student learning but also achieve efficient, cost-effective instructional gains. Pearland ISD’s

officials will use this year's rating as a guide in their continuing efforts to maximize taxpayer dollars while reinforcing that the district uses the soundest business practices.

Sincerely,



John P. Kelly, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Section Two

User: Donald Marshall
 User Role: District

RATING YEAR



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2015-2016 RATINGS BASED ON SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015 DATA - DISTRICT STATUS DETAIL

Name: PEARLAND ISD(020908)	Publication Level 1: 8/8/2016 6:20:16 PM
Status: Passed	Publication Level 2: 8/8/2016 6:20:16 PM
Rating: A = Superior	Last Updated: 8/8/2016 6:20:16 PM
District Score: 94	Passing Score: 31

#	Indicator Description	Updated	Score
1	<u>Was the complete annual financial report (AFR) and data submitted to the TEA within 30 days of the November 27 or January 28 deadline depending on the school district's fiscal year end date of June 30 or August 31, respectively?</u>	3/16/2016 2:46:06 PM	Yes
2	Review the AFR for an unmodified opinion and material weaknesses. The school district must pass 2.A to pass this indicator. The school district fails indicator number 2 if it responds "No" to indicator 2.A. or to both indicators 2.A and 2.B.		
2.A	<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>	3/16/2016 2:46:06 PM	Yes
2.B	<u>Did the external independent auditor report that the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds? (The AICPA defines material weakness.)</u>	3/16/2016 2:46:06 PM	Yes

3	<p><u>Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end? (If the school district was in default in a prior fiscal year, an exemption applies in following years if the school district is current on its forbearance or payment plan with the lender and the payments are made on schedule for the fiscal year being rated. Also exempted are technical defaults that are not related to monetary defaults. A technical default is a failure to uphold the terms of a debt covenant, contract, or master promissory note even though payments to the lender, trust, or sinking fund are current. A debt agreement is a legal agreement between a debtor (= person, company, etc. that owes money) and their creditors, which includes a plan for paying back the debt.)</u></p>	3/16/2016 2:46:06 PM	Yes
4	<p><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?</u></p>	3/16/2016 2:46:07 PM	Yes
5	<p><u>Was the total unrestricted net asset balance (Net of the accretion of interest for capital appreciation bonds) in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Assets greater than zero? (If the school district's change of students in membership over 5 years was 10 percent or more, then the school district passes this indicator.)</u></p>	3/16/2016 2:46:07 PM	Yes
			1 Multiplier Sum
6	<p><u>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)? (See ranges below.)</u></p>	8/4/2016 1:28:12 PM	10
7	<p><u>Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt? (See ranges below.)</u></p>	6/30/2016 1:18:00 PM	8
8	<p><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 change of students in membership over 5 years was 10 percent or more, then</u></p>	8/4/2016 1:28:12 PM	6

	<u>the school district passes this indicator.) (See ranges below.)</u>		
9	<u>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?</u>	8/4/2016 1:28:12 PM	10
10	<u>Was the debt service coverage ratio sufficient to meet the required debt service? (See ranges below.)</u>	8/4/2016 1:28:13 PM	10
11	<u>Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio? (See ranges below.)</u>	3/16/2016 2:46:09 PM	10
12	<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>	3/16/2016 2:46:10 PM	10
13	<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?</u>	3/16/2016 2:46:10 PM	10
14	<u>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? (The AICPA defines material noncompliance.)</u>	3/25/2016 1:55:43 PM	10
15	<u>Did the school district not receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over allocation of Foundation School Program (FSP) funds as a result of a financial hardship?</u>	3/24/2016 4:23:02 PM	10
			94 Weighted Sum
			1 Multiplier Sum
			94 Score

DETERMINATION OF RATING

A.	Did the district answer 'No' to Indicators 1, 3, 4, 5, or 2.A? 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. (Indicators 6-15)	
	A = Superior	70-100
	B = Above Standard	50-69
	C = Meets Standard	31-49
	F = Substandard Achievement	<31

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Section Three



Disclosures

Reporting requirements for the financial management report for Schools FIRST public hearing are found in **Title 19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing, Subchapter AA, Commissioner's Rules Concerning Financial Accountability Rating System**. This rule describes requirements for the five (5) disclosures explained below that are to be presented as appendices in the Schools FIRST financial management report.

1. Superintendent's Employment Contract

The school district is to provide a copy of the superintendent's employment contract that is effective on the date of the Schools FIRST hearing in calendar year 2016. In lieu of publication in the Schools FIRST financial management report, the school district may chose to publish the superintendent's employment contract on the school district's Internet site. **If published on the Internet**, the contract is to remain accessible for twelve months.

2. Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2015

For the Twelve-month Period Ended June 30 or August 31, 2015	Superintendent	Board Member 1	Board Member 2	Board Member 3	Board Member 4	Board Member 5	Board Member 6	Board Member 7
Description of Reimbursements								
Meals	\$0.00	\$156.74	\$148.70	\$318.99	\$147.00	\$59.16	\$151.74	\$45.00
Lodging	915.77	462.80	462.80	2,756.18	727.03	525.84	699.93	679.24
Transportation	0.00	288.10	0.00	1,282.04	535.70	0.00	244.95	539.50
Motor Fuel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	570.00	310.00	535.00	1,410.00	350.00	325.00	375.00	60.00
Total	\$1,485.77	\$1,217.64	\$1,146.50	\$5,767.21	\$1,759.73	\$910.00	\$1,471.62	\$1,323.74

Note – The spirit of the rule is to capture all “reimbursements” for fiscal year 2015, regardless of the manner of payment, including direct pay, credit card, cash, and purchase order. Reimbursements to be reported per category include:

Meals – Meals consumed off of the school district's premises, and in-district meals at area restaurants (excludes catered meals for board meetings).

Lodging - Hotel charges.

Transportation - Airfare, car rental (can include fuel on rental), taxis, mileage reimbursements, leased cars, parking and tolls.

Motor fuel – Gasoline.

Other - Registration fees, telephone/cell phone, internet service, fax machine, and other reimbursements (or on-behalf of) to the superintendent and board member not defined above.



Disclosures

3. Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for Professional Consulting and/or Other Personal Services in Fiscal Year 2015

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended June 30 or August 31, 2015	
Name(s) of Entity(ies)	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

Note – Compensation does not include business revenues from the superintendent’s livestock or agricultural-based activities on a ranch or farm. Report gross amount received (do not deduct business expenses from gross revenues). Revenues generated from a family business that have no relationship to school district business are not to be disclosed.

4. Gifts Received by the Executive Officer(s) and Board Members (and First Degree Relatives, if any) in Fiscal Year 2015

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended June 30 or August 31, 2015	
Superintendent	\$0.00
Board Member 1	\$0.00
Board Member 2	\$0.00
Board Member 3	\$0.00
Board Member 4	\$0.00
Board Member 5	\$0.00
Board Member 6	\$0.00
Board Member 7	\$0.00
Summary Amounts	\$0.00

Note – An executive officer is defined as the superintendent, unless the board of trustees or the district administration names additional staff under this classification. (Any gifts received by their immediate family as described in Government Code, Chapter 573, Subchapter B, Relationships by Consanguinity or by Affinity will be reported under the applicable school official.)



Disclosures

5. Business Transactions Between School District and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2015

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended June 30 or August 31, 2015	Board Member 1	Board Member 2	Board Member 3	Board Member 4	Board Member 5	Board Member 6	Board Member 7
Summary Amounts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Note - The summary amounts reported under this disclosure are not to duplicate the items reported in the summary schedule of reimbursements received by board members.