



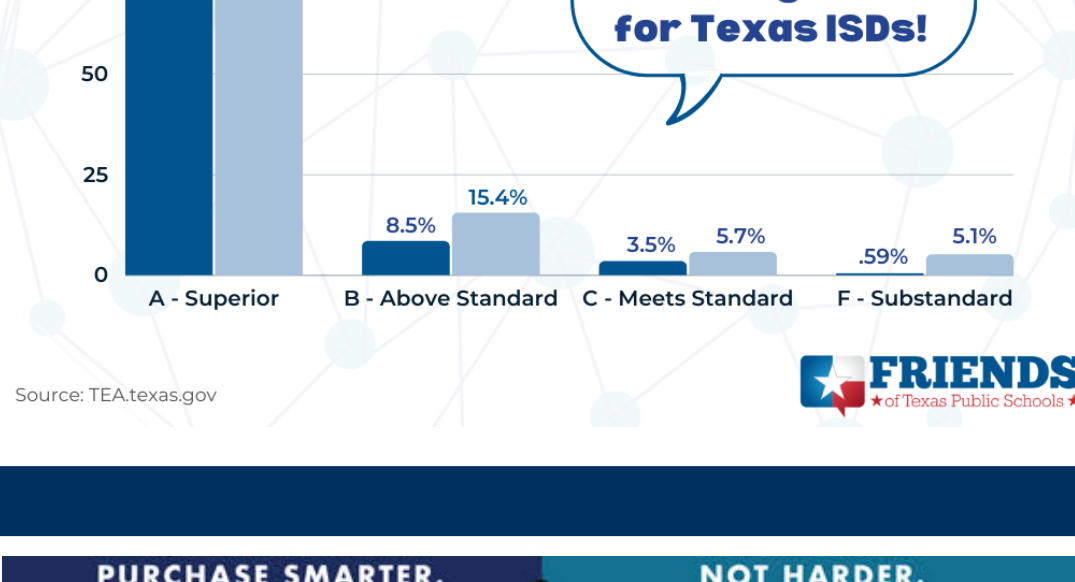
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TEXAS HONORS 95.8% OF ISDS WITH ITS HIGHEST RATINGS FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Texas public schools continue to shine! With an astonishing 99.4% of ISDs receiving a passing rating from the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST), neighborhood schools prove to be good stewards of the financial resources provided to them in order to maximize allocations for direct instructional purposes.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS

2021-2022 Comparison of ISD vs Charter



Source: TEA.texas.gov



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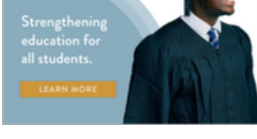
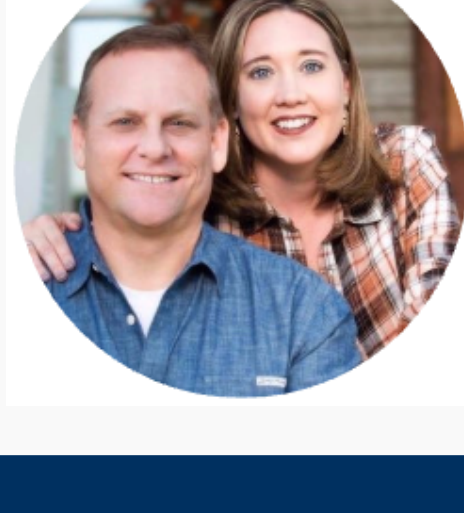
FOUNDERS' NOTE

Hello Friends!

Congratulations! Texas Public School Leaders did it again! Texas ISDs collectively surpassed the 99th percentile in meeting or exceeding the state's standards for the sound financial management of taxpayer dollars. Contrary to much political rhetoric, our school leaders are EXCELLENT stewards of public funds.

With this achievement, the Texas Legislature and Governor should have **no reservations** about investing more resources in its 1,000+ independent school districts.

Together,
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THE TRUTH ABOUT CHARTERS

\$2.59B of Taxpayer Funding Allows Students to Leave A and B Rated ISDs for Charters

There is no debate that every student deserves access to a high-quality taxpayer-funded education, nor should students have to attend low-performing schools. Currently, the Texas public education system offers a variety of taxpayer-funded school options, including neighborhood schools, magnet/specialty schools, virtual/online schools, and alternative schools.

Data shows that the overwhelming majority of ISD-to-charter transfers are not students fleeing from failing schools, rather 75.8% of transfers are from school district campuses with A and B Ratings.

Click [here](#) to details of the report.

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SOCIAL SHARE OF THE MONTH



News worth celebrating!

Texas students raise money so 80-year-old janitor, Mr. James Gailey, can finally retire.

Three students from Callisburg High School created a GoFundMe and shared a TikTok about Mr. James and his story. The GoFundMe raised \$270,890!

Great things ARE happening in Texas Public Schools!

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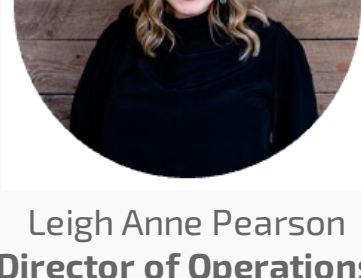
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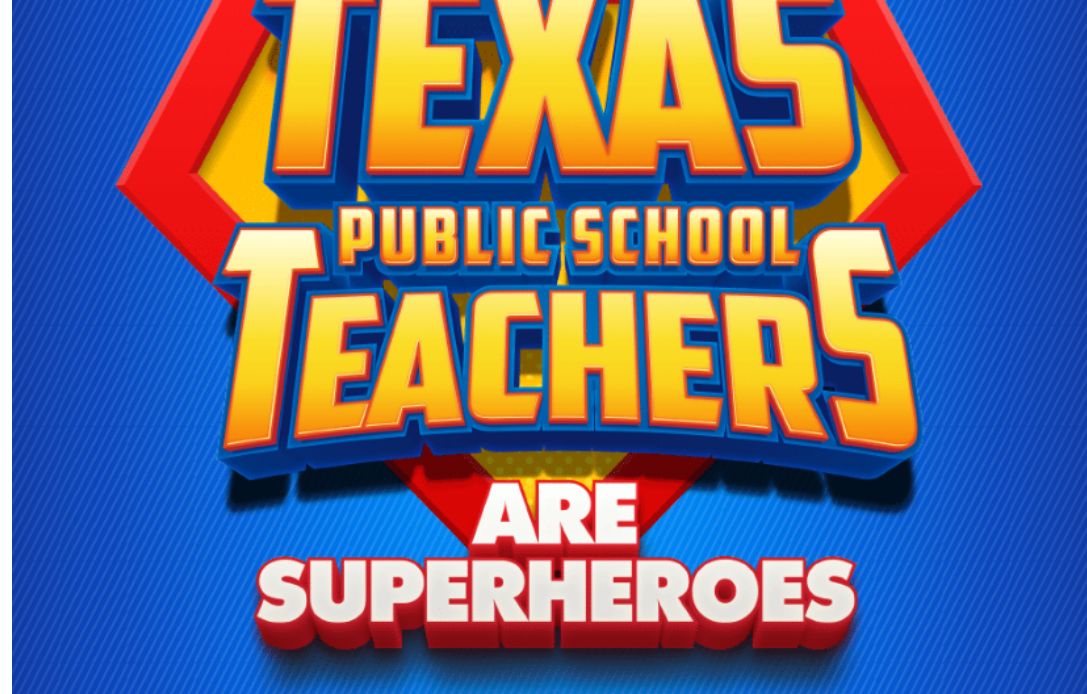
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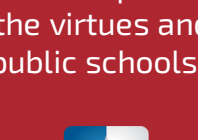
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We are a bit of a different type of organization...one that doesn't invest energy in education reform, but rather in celebrating what's right with our schools. We are an apolitical organization focused on educating all Texans about the virtues and achievements of our Texas public schools.



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