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## Flour Bluff ISD earns state's highest fiscal accountability rating

Flour Bluff Independent School District has received a rating of "A" for "Superior Achievement" under Texas' School FIRST financial accountability rating system. The "Superior Achievement" rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Flour Bluff ISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> year of School FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 1999 and amendments under House Bill 5, 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013. 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.

"We are very pleased with Flour Bluff ISD's School FIRST rating," said Dr. David Freeman, Flour Bluff ISD Superintendent of Schools. "This rating shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. It also shows that our schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

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."

Flour Bluff ISD has achieved the highest rating for 17 years, every year since the School FIRST began.