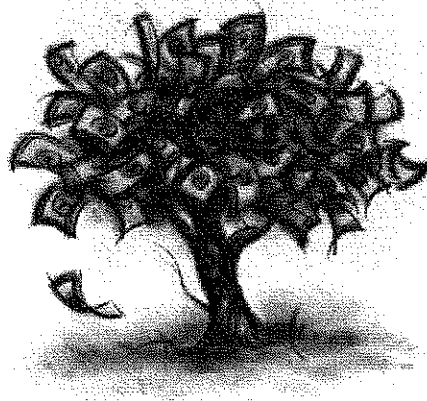


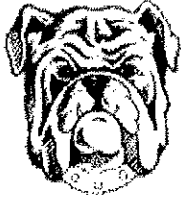
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FIRST  
FINANCIAL INTEGRITY RATING SYSTEM OF TEXAS



Annual Financial Accountability  
Management Report

For the Year Ending August 31, 2017



# Hitchcock

## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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November 1, 2018

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### ***Hitchcock ISD Announces Fiscal Accountability Rating***

Hitchcock Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "C" for "Meets Standard" under Texas' School FIRST financial accountability rating system. The rating system measures the quality of a school district's financial management and reporting system.

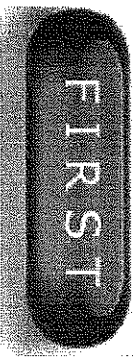
This is the 16th year of School FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 and amendments under House Bill 5, 83rd Texas 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.

The Schools FIRST accountability rating ensures that Texas school districts are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently. The information provided by the Schools FIRST system will guide Hitchcock ISD in continued efforts to maximize each taxpayer dollar and to improve upon financial sustainability.

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." Hitchcock ISD received "C" Met Standard.

User: Jennifer Donovan  
 User Role: District

RATING YEAR **2017-2018** DISTRICT NUMBER **DISTRICT #** SELECT AN OPTION



**2017-2018 RATINGS BASED ON SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017 DATA - DISTRICT STATUS DETAIL**

Name: HITCHCOCK ISD(084908)

Publication Level 1: 8/6/2018 2:48:24 PM

Status: Passed

Publication Level 2: 8/8/2018 12:11:29 PM

Rating: C = Meets Standard

Last Updated: 8/8/2018 12:11:29 PM

District Score: 78

Passing Score: 60

#	Indicator Description	Updated	Score
1	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?	4/20/2018 8:37:43 AM	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	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.)	4/20/2018 8:37:44 AM	Yes
2.B	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.)	4/20/2018 8:37:44 AM	Yes
3	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.)	4/20/2018 8:37:44 AM	Yes

4	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?	4/20/2018 8:37:44 AM	Yes
5	Was the total unrestricted net position balance (Net of the accretion of interest for capital appreciation bonds) 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 5 years was 7 percent or more, then the school district passes this indicator.)	4/20/2018 8:37:44 AM	Yes
			1 Multiplier Sum
6	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.)	4/20/2018 8:37:45 AM	2
7	Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt? (See ranges below.)	4/20/2018 8:37:45 AM	8
8	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 7 percent or more, then the school district passes this indicator.) (See ranges below.)	4/20/2018 8:37:45 AM	10
9	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?	4/20/2018 8:37:45 AM	0
10	Was the debt service coverage ratio sufficient to meet the required debt service? (See ranges below.)	4/20/2018 8:37:46 AM	10
11	Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio? (See ranges below.)	4/20/2018 8:37:46 AM	8
12	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.)	6/19/2018 11:10:58 AM	10
13	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?	4/20/2018 8:37:46 AM	10
14	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.)	4/20/2018 8:37:47 AM	10
15	Did the school district not receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over allocation of Foundation	4/20/2018	10

School Program (FSP) funds as a result of a financial hardship?	8:37:47 AM			
			78 Weighted Sum	
			1 Multiplier Sum	
				78 Score

**DETERMINATION OF RATING**

<b>A.</b>	Did the district answer 'No' to Indicators 1, 3, 4, 5, or 2.A? If so, the school district's rating is <b>F for Substandard Achievement</b> regardless of points earned.
<b>B.</b>	Determine the rating by the applicable number of points. (Indicators 6-15)
	<b>A = Superior</b> 90-100
	<b>B = Above Standard</b> 80-89
	<b>C = Meets Standard</b> 60-79
	<b>F = Substandard Achievement</b> <60

**No Rating = A school district receiving territory that annexes with a school district ordered by the commissioner under TEC 13.054, or consolidation under Subchapter H, Chapter 41. No rating will be issued for the school district receiving territory until the third year after the annexation/consolidation.**

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# School FIRST Annual Financial Management Report

HITCHCOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Title 19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing Subchapter AA, Commissioner's Rules Concerning Financial Accountability Rating System, Section 109.1005. Effective 2/3/11. The template has been established to help the districts in gathering their data and presenting it at their School FIRST hearing. The template may not be all inclusive.

## Superintendent's Current Employment Contract

A copy of the superintendent's current employment contract at the time of the School FIRST hearing is to be provided. In lieu of publication in the annual School FIRST financial management report, the school district may choose 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.

### Website link:

<http://www.hitchcockisd.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/45f813872fb2/Contract%202015.PDF>  
<http://www.hitchcockisd.org/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/45f813872fb2/Contract%20100918.pdf>

## Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended August 31, 2017	Carla Vickroy Superintendent	Chad Allen Board Member 1	Michelle Cantrell Board Member 2	Tony Combs Board Member 3	Tom Ivey Board Member 4	Shirley Price Board Member 5	Ted Robinson Board Member 6	Edward Wilson Board Member 7	Monica Cantrell Former Board Member
Meals	\$776.50	\$174.25	\$174.25	\$322.75	\$174.25	\$447.75	\$263.25	\$824.00	\$288.00
Lodging	\$2,534.80	\$681.12	\$681.12	\$1,213.04	\$681.12	\$1,511.07	\$849.89	\$2,644.29	\$849.89
Transportation	\$401.04	\$136.41	\$136.41	\$190.41	\$136.41	\$302.81	\$58.00	\$974.59	\$211.88
Motor Fuel	\$0.00	\$250.92	\$248.24	\$506.12	\$249.85	\$351.93	\$31.57	\$279.44	\$28.78
Registration/Memberships	\$1,420.00	\$385.00	\$385.00	\$750.00	\$385.00	\$1,125.00	\$740.00	\$1,640.00	\$740.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,132.34</b>	<b>\$1,627.70</b>	<b>\$1,625.02</b>	<b>\$2,982.32</b>	<b>\$1,626.63</b>	<b>\$3,738.56</b>	<b>\$1,942.71</b>	<b>\$6,362.32</b>	<b>\$2,118.55</b>

All "reimbursements" expenses, regardless of the manner of payment, including direct pay, credit card, cash, and purchase order are to be reported. Items to be reported per category include:  
 Meals – Meals consumed out of town, and in-district meals at area restaurants (outside of board meetings, excludes catered board meeting meals).  
 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.

**Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for Professional Consulting and/or Other Personal Services**

For the Twelve-Month Period

Ended August 31, 2017

Name(s) of Entity(ies)

None

Amount Received  
\$

Total

\$0.00

Compensation does not include business revenues generated from a family business (farming, ranching, etc.) that has no relation to school district business.

**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  
Ended August 31, 2017

Superintendent	Member 1	Chad Allen Board	Member 2	Michelle Cantrell Board	Tony Combs Board	Tom Ivey Board	Shirley Price Board	Ted Robinson Board	Edward Wilson Board	Monica Cantrell Former Board
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>										
<b>\$0.00</b>										

**Note** – An executive officer is defined as the superintendent, unless the board of trustees or the district administration names additional staff under this classification for local officials.

**Business Transactions Between School District and Board Members**

For the Twelve-Month Period  
Ended August 31, 2017

Board Member 1	Member 2	Chad Allen Board	Member 3	Tony Combs Board	Tom Ivey Board	Shirley Price Board	Ted Robinson Board	Edward Wilson Board	Monica Cantrell Former Board	
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Amounts</b>										
<b>\$0.00</b>										

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