



## To the Administrator Addressed



## Final FIRST Rating and Required Reporting

We will issue final ratings to school districts and charter schools after we have reviewed any submitted appeals. Final 2023–2024 School FIRST and Charter FIRST ratings are anticipated to be released in November 2024.

Within two months of the release of your LEA's final School FIRST or Charter FIRST rating, your school system must announce and hold a public meeting to distribute a financial management report that explains the school system's rating and its performance under each indicator for the current and previous year's ratings. If your school system does not submit an appeal, your school system may choose to use the date that the rating automatically became final as a basis for the two-month deadline to hold the public hearing.

The report also must provide the financial information described in [19 TAC §109.1001\(q\)\(3\)](#). TEA encourages school systems to include additional information in the report that will be beneficial to stakeholders, especially information explaining any special circumstances that may have affected the school system's performance under one or more of the indicators.

The required newspaper notices to inform taxpayers of the meeting must be published no more than 30 days and no fewer than 10 days before the public meeting. Your district or charter school may combine the meeting with a scheduled regular meeting of the board of trustees or governing board,