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DRIPPING SPRINGS ISD AGAIN RECEIVES HIGHEST SCORE ON FAST RATING

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—The Dripping Springs Independent School District has again received the highest possible rating of five stars on the FAST (Financial Allocation Study for Texas) report produced by the Texas Comptroller's Office. The report measures the academic progress and financial efficiency of Texas public school districts and charter schools. Statewide, only 28 districts and 18 charter schools received the five-star rating. This is the second consecutive year that DSISD has received the highest rating and the third time in five years in which the report has been produced. Only 26 district/charters received the highest rating in both 2013 and 2014. The five-star designation means that DSISD has earned a Texas Honors Circle District Award.

The report stated that Dripping Springs ISD had “very high academic progress” that was at or above 93 percent of all districts statewide and that DSISD had “very low spending compared to fiscal peers” of \$7,138 cost-adjusted spending per pupil.

The report also compared “fiscal peer districts”; in DSISD's fiscal peer group of 41 districts, only three other districts received five-star ratings (Aledo ISD, Lovejoy ISD, and Navarro ISD). This year's FAST rating was determined by three-year averages of data from the 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years on academic progress, cost-adjusted spending and spending index measures. These measures are based on the most recent available TEA data.

DSISD campuses in the district also received ratings: Dripping Springs Middle School and Rooster Springs Elementary were rated 4.5 stars, Dripping Springs High School and Dripping Springs Elementary got 4 stars, and Walnut Springs Elementary got a 3.5-star rating. DSMS has earned a Texas Honors Circle Campus Award.

Earlier this fall DSISD announced that the district again earned the highest rating of “Superior” and a perfect score on the 2014 Texas FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) report.

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