

## **Brenham Independent School District Earns State's Highest Fiscal Accountability Rating**

Brenham Independent School District official announced that the district received a rating of "P" for "Passed" under Texas' School FIRST financial accountability rating system. The "passed" rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Brenham ISD's financial management and reporting system. This year the District received a score of 30 out of 30 for the financial indicators.

This is the 13<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. Major changes to the School FIRST system were implemented by the Texas Education Agency in August 2015 that combined financial indicators with financial solvency indicators, in accordance with 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.