



April 23, 2025

Dear Graford ISD Teachers, Staff, and Parents,

With the anticipated public release of the 2023 school accountability ratings on April 24, 2025, I want to offer some insight into the recent changes to the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) accountability system. If you recall, the 2023 ratings were delayed due to a lawsuit filed by over 100 school districts across the state. The basis of the lawsuit was that TEA made significant changes to the accountability rules without providing prior notice to school districts. These abrupt changes created confusion and concern about the fairness and transparency of the evaluation process.

As you may be aware, in 2023 the TEA made these sudden adjustments to its accountability manual and system. These changes affected school districts across Texas and significantly impacted how school ratings were calculated and reported.

The revised accountability system includes more robust and rigorous standards, shifting how performance is measured across campuses and districts. While these changes have raised expectations, they have also given us the opportunity to examine our practices, celebrate growth, and identify new areas of focus.

As information continues to be released about these changes and their impact, we want to provide some clarity for our community regarding Graford ISD's ratings.

Attached, you will find a chart that provides **accountability rating details for Graford ISD over the past three years**. The chart includes two ratings for 2022: one reflecting the original score GISD received before the accountability changes, and another showing the score recalculated using the updated accountability standards (the "What if score"). This side-by-side comparison highlights the impact of the system changes on our district's performance ratings.

We are proud to share that **Graford ISD received an "A" rating for 2024**, a testament to the hard work, dedication, and resilience of our students, staff, and community. Despite the more rigorous standards and shifting accountability targets, our students have continued to grow and thrive.

Graford ISD Accountability Ratings:

<i>Accountability Year:</i>	<i>Scaled Score:</i>	<i>Rating:</i>
2022	85	B
2022 (What if Score)	78	C
2023	77	C
2024	91	A



Please also note that there were no TEA accountability ratings issued in **2020 and 2021** due to COVID.

Looking ahead to 2025, those ratings are expected to be released next August. Our students, teachers, and staff have been working diligently, and we anticipate that the positive trend of growth from 2023 to 2024 will continue. While there is always more work to be done, we are extremely proud of the progress our students have made and continue to make. As always it is a Great Day to be a Graford Jackrabbit.

Thank you for your continued support of Graford ISD's students, teachers, and staff.

Sincerely,
Brandon Perry
Superintendent, Graford ISD