

Alvord ISD Family - I have some highlights for you from the November 30, 2020 School Board Meeting.

COVID-19 Update: The City of Alvord ISD shared some of their Coronavirus Relief Funds they were unable to utilize with Alvord ISD. These funds can be used for reimbursement of expenditures for public health accommodations. The school district has installed water bottle dispensers at each campus because the water fountains are currently shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The \$6,595.45 cost of the dispensers was covered by the City of Alvord. When you get a chance please thank an Alvord city employee or member of the Alvord City Council for their support of the students and staff of Alvord ISD!

Facilities Update: Director of Operations Charlie Mann updated the board on the security fence project at the elementary campus and the softball fence project. We hope to have both projects finished in early January.

FIRST Hearing and Report – I am pleased to announce we received a Superior rating and a perfect score of 100 on the annual FIRST report. Congratulations to Alvord ISD Business Manager Cindy Tackett and the leadership team for a job well done!

The language below taken from the FIRST website explains the purpose of the FIRST system:

The state's school financial accountability rating system, known as the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST), ensures that Texas public schools are held accountable for the quality of their financial management practices and that they improve those practices. The system is designed to encourage Texas public schools to better manage their financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes.

The electronic version of the 2019-2020 Alvord ISD FIRST report can be seen at <https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/First/forms/District.aspx?year=2018&district=249901>

For more information about FIRST you can go to the website at

https://tea.texas.gov/Finance_and_Grants/Financial_Accountability/Financial_Integrity_Rating_System_of_Texas_FIRST