Itasca Independent School District

EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY

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Itasca ISD Successfully Exits TEA Conservatorship, Celebrates Significant Academic Gains and Continued Commitment to Excellence

ITASCA, TEXAS — November 6, 2026 — Itasca Independent School District is proud to announce the official conclusion of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) conservatorship. Effective immediately, TEA has ended the appointment of the district conservator, marking a major milestone for our schools and standing as a direct testament to the hard work, dedication, and resilience of the entire Itasca ISD staff.

In February of 2026, the TEA appointed a conservator following historical and consecutive unacceptable academic ratings at Itasca Middle School, which included an "Improvement Required" rating in 2018 and final "F" ratings in 2024 and 2025. Although the conservatorship was originally contracted to last two years, the extraordinary progress made by our campuses led TEA to conclude the appointment after just eight months. Since the initial appointment, our team has worked tirelessly to ensure that all students receive an excellent education and the robust support they need to be successful for years to come.

Because of this focused, collaborative effort, Itasca ISD has established sustainable academic systems that have driven significant, measurable gains. Notably, Itasca Middle School's overall performance score surged by 19 points, increasing from 56 to 75. This incredible growth officially broke the campus's cycle of consistent "F" ratings, elevating the middle school to a "C" rating. Simultaneously, the district improved its overall standing from a "D" to a "C" rating.

While the early removal of the conservator is a time to celebrate, our mission toward excellence and our drive to become an "A" district are not over. Itasca ISD remains in the School Improvement program, and we are executing a strategic, focused plan to move the district completely out of school improvement by the end of the 2026-2027 school year.

We will continue to strive to meet the diverse needs of all students, ensuring total college, career, and post-secondary readiness. Striving for excellence in all that we do, we remain anchored by our district vision: **Every student, every day**.

The district extends its deepest gratitude to our parents, families, and community members. We deeply appreciate everyone partnering with us to ensure excellence in education for all. We remain committed to transparency and will continue to keep parents and the community fully informed of our progress as we move forward into this next successful chapter for Itasca ISD.

Sincerely,

Tonya J. Harris
Superintendent of Schools
Itasca Independent School District

“Our mission is to honor our legacy, purse excellence and inspire innovation that prepares students for post-secondary success.”