

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

The Howard Central Appraisal District recently received great news from the State Comptroller. All schools in Howard County were brought into compliance with state law and will be fully funded in revenues from the Texas Education Agency. In prior years, each of the schools had faced shortages due to the failure of the Property Value Study, a ratio study of sales compared to local values of property. State law requires that the composite ratio be at least 95% of market value.

Big Spring ISD was brought into compliance last year and local value was accepted this year. Forsan ISD, that was out of compliance last year came in at 95.9% while Coahoma ISD's study indicated a ratio of 95.2%. The appraisal district will continue to monitor sales data for 2023 to ensure that the local values remain in compliance with law.

Additionally, the appraisal district was notified that the Methods and Assistance audit that had been failed in prior years, received a perfect score for 2022. The Methods and Assistance audit looks at governance, taxpayer assistance, operating procedures, appraisal processes, and appraisal methodologies. The review examined 92 areas of district operation to verify adherence to state law, rules, and regulations.

Clarissa Teichman, Deputy Chief Appraiser, responded to the good news. "I am so proud of the progress we have made at HCAD in the past three years. Our customers, the taxpayers, find a high level of customer service, a new website filled with good and accurate information, and a staff that seeks to help people instead of placing roadblocks in their way. We are not through with our progress and look forward to doing all we can to continue to improve our service to all our constituents."

The Board of Directors received the news of the district's success at their monthly meeting February 8th and commended the staff for their good work.

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