

September 23, 2025

Mike Morath
Commissioner
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Commissioner Morath,

We write to offer our full support as you consider the future of Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD). As President and CEO and Board Chairman of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, which represents thousands of businesses and employees across our community, we wish to express that the business community stands ready to engage as a trusted stakeholder in efforts to make FWISD schools high-performing for all students.

As you know, ensuring students receive a strong education that prepares them for the workforce is critical. Further, it's important that students are equipped to enter the workforce right here at home in Fort Worth. The Fort Worth business community relies on our education system to prepare students to meet the workforce demands – an increasingly urgent need as our community continues to experience rapid business expansion and attraction.

Over time, Chamber leadership has cultivated a strong partnership with current FWISD Superintendent Dr. Karen Molinar who has quickly and effectively implemented important and strategic reforms to improve student outcomes. Several of these reforms have already been reflected positively within the district. Despite receiving the fifth consecutive “F” rating for 2023, the most recent ratings for 2025 reflected improvement to a “C” rating. Among this success, the number of A-rated campuses has increased, while F-rated schools dropped from 31 to 11.

Please know that the Fort Worth business community is prepared to participate and provide meaningful input on the future of FWISD. We support the leadership that Dr. Molinar has demonstrated and would welcome the opportunity to partner with you as you examine Trustee governance.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to improving outcomes for all Texas students.

Sincerely,



Steve Montgomery
President & CEO
Fort Worth Chamber



Brian Newby
Chairman
Fort Worth Chamber