

State Intervention in Fort Worth ISD FAQ

What was today's announcement by TEA Commissioner, Mike Morath?

Commissioner Morath announced the decision for state intervention in Fort Worth ISD to appoint a Board of Managers (BOM) to govern the school district and a Conservator.

What is a Board of Managers (BOM)?

A Board of Managers (BOM) is a state-appointed governing body, appointed by the Commissioner of Education, that temporarily replaces a current elected board of trustees. A BOM may be appointed when a school district or charter organization fails to meet one of the following: accreditation criteria, academic performance standards, financial accountability standards, or due to an identified governance failure. Members are appointed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) under the provisions of the Texas Education Code. Once appointed and sworn in, the Board of Managers has all the powers and duties assigned to the elected board of trustees.

Why is State Intervention taking place in Fort Worth ISD?

State law requires the Commissioner of Education to intervene when a campus receives five consecutive unacceptable ratings on the state's accountability rating system. Fort Worth ISD triggered the requirement of state intervention when one campus, Glencrest Sixth Grade, received a fifth 'F' in 2023, after having received an 'F' in 2019, and 'Improvement Required' in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Who will be the Superintendent?

As outlined in Commissioner Morath's letter, state law requires that he appoint a superintendent. He has indicated that he will announce his decision on a superintendent in the future after conducting a national search and vetting prospective candidates. The Commissioner's letter stated that the review process will include the district's current superintendent.

What is a Conservator?

TEA appoints a Conservator to work with the district, with authority permitted under Texas law, to ensure that Fort Worth ISD supports its low-performing campuses and implements district campus turnaround plans. The Conservator for Fort Worth ISD will be named at a future date.

What comes next?

As indicated in his letter, Commissioner Morath will begin the vetting and selection of both Board of Managers candidates and Superintendent candidates, with notice of his decisions on both coming at a future date.

What is the Board of Managers (BOM) Selection Process?

After TEA decides to move forward with initiating an intervention, it begins the process of identifying and vetting candidates for a Board of Managers (BOM) to assume governance of the school district. TEA will open applications for the Board of Managers and the Superintendent through the TEA website and may issue an accompanying press release when considering a state intervention. More information about the Board of Managers selection process can be found [here](#).

How long will state intervention in Fort Worth ISD last?

There is no fixed term for a Board of Managers. TEA sets academic and governance benchmarks. Authority can return to the elected board once benchmarks are met and TEA approves the transition.

What can we do?

Now is the moment for our community to stay engaged and step forward. Those who feel called to serve should consider participating in the Board of Managers process, and we all must continue the important work of advancing student success for all Fort Worth kids. In everything, we need to stay focused on what is best for our students and their long-term success.