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Third Future Schools Announces Partnership with Midland ISD to Turnaround Failing Lamar Elementary School

Midland, TX – Third Future Schools announces partnership with Midland ISD to turn around an underperforming elementary school for the 2023-2024 academic year. The school, Lamar Elementary School, has remained in School Improvement status for four consecutive years. Third Future Schools has a proven track record of operating high-performing schools across Texas and Colorado.

Lamar Elementary is the second school in Midland ISD that Third Future is serving to dramatically improve academic outcomes for students. In 2020, Third Future entered into their first partnership with the district to operate Sam Houston Collegiate Prep Elementary. Sam Houston students' scores on the TEA Report Card jumped from a 53 to an 89, which is an F to a B, demonstrating the success of Third Future's turnaround model in Midland.

"We have to destroy the myth that it takes four or five years to turn around a school," Mike Miles, Third Future CEO said. "Our kids don't have that kind of time."

Third Future Schools has been part of the TEA 1882 partnership and successfully turned around schools in Odessa, Midland, and Austin. They have debunked the myth that turning around a school takes at least five years.

Third Future Schools will focus on the following:

- On or above grade level instruction every day
- Laser focus on high quality instruction
- Personalized learning
- Creating a safe learning environment
- 100% staffing all year
- Average teacher salary of \$75,000
- Providing students unique experiences outside the tradition classroom

By the Year 2030, Third Future Schools will create 100 proof points of a new education system and inspire transformation of the broader public education system in order to significantly narrow the achievement gap and prepare students for a Year 2035 workplace and world.

About Third Future Schools

Third Future Schools (TFS) is a high-performing charter school network and proven turnaround partner and expert. TFS serves over 5,000 students across Colorado and Texas. Founded in 2016, TFS is dedicated to preparing students for the 2035 workplace by providing high quality instruction in a caring culture that has high expectations. TFS closes the achievement gap and allows every student to reach their full potential.

Learn more about TFS's innovative learning model by visiting <https://www.thirdfuture.org/>

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