Intro Music...

Narrator:

"Answers...In About A Minute"... from the Texas Education Agency.

Man on Street:

If I'm a parent, how should I use the A-Through-F ratings?

Host:

That's a great question.

While *communities* need schools that are good for <u>all</u> students, *parents* need to know that schools are good for their <u>own</u> children.

It is helpful to think of A-Through-F ratings as a reflection of how well <u>all</u> students in a school are supported academically.

A high rating...such as an "A"...indicates that many students are doing quite well.

While a low rating...such as a "D" or "F"...would indicate that far too few students are doing well.

For parents, the rating provides a signal of how <u>likely</u> their own child will be well supported in a school.

It is possible that an individual student could get strong academic support in a school with a lower letter grade...but more students get strong academic support in schools with higher grades.

When parents are in the process of selecting a school for their child, the reports can be a helpful resource to ensure they select a school that meets the needs of their child.

Parents can also use the reports to evaluate how well efforts to continuously improve their own child's school are working over time.

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Host: Want to learn more?

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