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School Board Prez rebounds in \$75,000 Vivacious Handicap

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School Board Prez looked like her old self as she stormed to victory in the \$75,000 Vivacious Handicap on Sunday afternoon, August 5 at Belterra Park via an aggressive, yet impressive, hand-ride in the stretch by her jockey, Pedro Cotto, Jr.

After being slightly squeezed at the start from the rail slot, the Courageous Cat 5-year-old sat last in the field of ten until the half-mile marker.

From there, the dark bay or brown mare began to move up on the leading **True Cinder** (Geraldo Corrales), finally passing the favorite mid-way down the lane to claim the win in the one and one-sixteenth mile test over the Belterra turf in 1:41.48.

Takechargedelilah got up for second with DeShawn Parker riding at 4-1 odds, with 60-1 longshot **Snowy Hill** (Gabriel Lagunes) third and 9-2 Touch Of Bling (Victor Lebron) fourth.

This latest victory boosted School Board Prez's career earnings to \$480,540 for owner John Royer, who also bred the mare. Conditioned by Doug Matthews, School Board Prez has eight wins, five seconds and a trio of thirds in 23 career starts.

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Photo Cutline: School Board Prez romped to victory in the \$75,000 Vivacious Handicap at Belterra Park on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 5, 2018. **Photo by Amy Griffiths/Coady Photography**