District of Innovation

Conroe ISD
What is a District of Innovation?

- The 84th Legislature passed HB 1842 creating an option for Districts of Innovation
- Provides opportunity to design an Innovation Plan according to the needs and resources of Conroe ISD
- Maximizes local control
- Increases local flexibility
- Provides a local approval option other than the former waiver system
What flexibility areas are being considered?

• Flexible Calendar (Early Start Date, Early Release, and Staff Development Days)
• Class Size (currently approved by TEA)
• Teacher Certification (CTE Industry Expert, 1 Out of Subject)
• Minutes of Instruction (Alternative School, Pre-K, Modified Testing Schedules)
Can the Plan be changed?

- Changes can occur but the approval process is re-activated to allow school district and community input

- Must be renewed in 5 years
Timeline

October 18 – Resolution, public hearing, appointment of committee
October 19 – DLPDMC develops and approves plan
October 21 – Plan is posted for at least 30 days online
December 13 – Seek Board approval of District of Innovation Plan