

# District of Innovation: Resolution



School Board Meeting  
November 14, 2023

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# District of Innovation Steps



- Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees
- Promptly after adopting resolution a public hearing is held
- At conclusion of the public hearing the board appoints a committee
- Committee develops and approves plan
- Plan is posted for at least 30 days online for feedback
- Public meeting held to review feedback and develop final version
- Seek Board approval of District of Innovation Plan

# Public Hearing: District of Innovation

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- Maximizes local control.
- Increases local flexibility.
- Provides a local approval option for exemptions other than the waiver system.
- Approval required by  $\frac{2}{3}$  membership of the Board.

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# District of Innovation Plan



- Tonight, the Board will be asked to approve the District-Level Planning and Decision-Making Committee (DLPDMC), which is made up of teachers, parents, community members, and administrators as the District of Innovation Committee. If approved, this committee will develop a plan and place it on the District's web site for 30 days. During that time, the committee will take feedback.



# Possible Areas to Consider



- Expand teacher certifications to include additional hard to fill positions
- Flexibility in teacher contracts
- Teacher appraisals- Student Learning Objectives (SLO)
- Campus Behavior Coordinator designation

# Draft Timeline



- November 14th - Resolution, public hearing, appointment of committee
- December 6th - Committee develops and approves plan
- December 7th - Plan is posted for at least 30 days online for feedback
- January 10th - Public committee meeting to review the feedback and vote on plan to present to board
- January 15th - Seek Board approval of District of Innovation Plan

# Additional Information



- **Texas Education Agency - Districts of Innovation Information**  
<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/district-initiatives/districts-of-innovation>
- **Texas Education Code**  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/?link=ED>
- **Districts of Innovation (DOI) Process FAQ**  
<https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/general-information/doi-process-faq.pdf>

# Questions

