



December 13, 2021

Mr. Mike Morath
Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, Texas 78701

RE: Celina Independent School District — Renewal of Local Innovation Plan

Dear Commissioner Morath,

House Bill 1842, passed in 2015 in the 84th Session of the Texas Legislature, in part amended Chapter 12A of the Texas Education Code (TEC) to create Districts of Innovation. The designation allows school districts to be exempt from certain sections of the TEC, providing more flexibility and local control to better meet the needs of students and the communities served.

On November 14, 2016, the Celina ISD Board of Trustees (Board) adopted a resolution to initiate the process of becoming a District of Innovation. On January 12, 2017, the Local Innovation Plan Committee (Committee) composed of staff and community members met to discuss the process and draft the Local Innovation Plan (Plan). The District of Innovation Plan was considered for renewal beginning in November 2021 when the District Site Based Committee convened. Their recommendations were submitted to the Board for consideration on December 13, 2021. The proposed renewal was approved for implementation on February 22, 2022 following the expiration of the initial plan on February 21, 2022.

On December 13, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Celina Independent School District voted unanimously on the renewal of a proposed Local Innovation Plan in accordance with House Bill 1842. The Plan had been posted for the required thirty days on the district website, with no changes to the current plan.

Should you require any additional information, please contact Dr. John Mathews, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services at johnmathews@celinaisd.com.

Sincerely,

Kelly Jeurgens, President
Board of Trustees, Celina Independent School District