

McKinney Independent School District
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To: Board of Trustees
From: Shawn Pratt, Superintendent
Subject: District of Innovation Plan Amendment #7
Date: October 19, 2026

Exemption: Texas Education Code 26.011

Current Challenge: The requirement to calculate deadlines using calendar days creates administrative inefficiencies for McKinney ISD. Many response deadlines and filing requirements coincide with school holidays, weekends, and district closure days when administrative staff are unavailable, resulting in delays that do not reflect actual working time and complicating compliance tracking.

Justification: Under Texas Education Code §26.011, the District requests exemption to implement a business day calculation system wherein all response deadlines, filing deadlines, and other time-sensitive administrative requirements shall be measured in District business days rather than calendar days to ensure a thorough response with all available evidence during a District business day. This also brings all grievance policies into alignment.

Exemption:
Texas Education Code 33.027

Current Challenge:
The requirement to allow residents to challenge library materials broadens the scope of possible challenges and takes time, effort, and resources from those family and staff members who are working closely, directly, and interacting with the library materials and students themselves. This allows District resources to prioritize those most affected by access to the District's library materials.

Justification:
Texas Education Code 33.027 allows residents as well as parents and staff to submit library materials challenges. The exemption would allow the District to prioritize parents and staff directly working with students throughout the District library materials review process. This amendment in no way seeks to modify the challenge process outside of the individuals who may file a challenge to a library material.

Impact Statement: A District of Innovation (DOI) may adopt a plan that includes exemptions from most of the same state laws that are not applicable to open enrollment charter schools, providing greater local control and increased freedom and flexibility.

It is Recommended: The Board approve the locally developed innovation plan amendment.

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Respectfully Submitted,
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