



Devine Independent School District Board of Trustees Agenda Document

Meeting Date: October 19, 2026

Agenda Item: DOI Final Amended Plan

Background Information:

House Bill 1842, passed during the 84th Legislative Session, permits Texas public school districts to become Districts of Innovation (DOI) and to obtain exemption from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code. The DOI plan was adopted by the board on March 29, 2022 and amendments were adopted on June 20, 2022, February 19, 2024, and July 22, 2024.

Administrative Consideration:

An amendment to a plan of innovation may be made at any time during the term of the plan. The district-level committee must hold a meeting to consider the proposed amendment and approve the final version by a majority vote of the committee members. This meeting was held on October 15, 2026. The proposed amendments will then be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval by a two-thirds majority vote.

There are two amendments for the Board to consider. These amendments are intended to provide the district with additional local flexibility to address instructional, staffing, enrollment, operational, and community needs.

Amendment 1: Class-Size Exemption

Amendment 1 would exempt the District from TEC Sections 25.112 and 25.113 regarding class size. The statutory class-size limitation restricts Devine ISD's ability to make timely, locally determined staffing and instructional decisions based on actual enrollment, staffing availability, classroom capacity, student needs, and available financial resources.

This exemption would provide the district with greater local flexibility in establishing and managing class sizes in third and fourth grade. Devine ISD will continue to recognize the educational value of appropriate class sizes and will make reasonable efforts to maintain class sizes at or below the statutory limit of 22 students whenever practical.

Amendment 2: First Day of Instruction

Amendment 2 would exempt the District from TEC Section 25.0811 regarding the first day of instruction. This section provides that a school district may not begin instruction for students before the fourth Monday in August. Devine ISD's current exemption from this section allows the district to begin instruction no earlier than the third Monday in August.

The proposed amendment would authorize Devine ISD to establish the first day of instruction on a locally determined date, including any date in August, based on the educational and operational needs of the district.

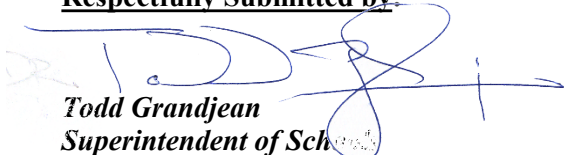
The Board of Trustees will continue to approve the annual academic calendar in accordance with applicable law and District policy. Devine ISD will continue to comply with all applicable requirements concerning the number of instructional days, instructional minutes, state assessment requirements, and other instructional-time requirements.

Budgetary Consideration: None at this time.

Supporting Documents: Final DOI Plan after amendment.

Recommendation: Approve the Devine ISD District of Innovation Plan.

Respectfully Submitted by:


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