

Denton ISD

District of Innovation Renewal

DEIC review and recommendation to the Board

Decision requested

Approve a legally updated renewal plan for consideration by the Board of Trustees.

Current plan renewed January 11, 2022

Recommended renewal structure

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Renew without change

Existing exemptions remain legally available and preserve useful local flexibility.

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Renew with revisions

Keep certification flexibility but remove parent notification exemption and apply the new HB 2 limits removing foundation curriculum subjects from exemption.

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Remove from the plan

Delete both Chapter 37 exemptions because HB 6 made the entire chapter nonexemptible.

Renewal preserves authority. It does not require the District to use any exemption.

Each exemption is claimed only to the extent permitted by current law; if a provision becomes nonexemptible, the controlling law applies.

What each exemption does (1 of 2)

First day of instruction

TEC §25.0811

Allows the District to set the first day of school each year with community input, rather than waiting for the fourth Monday in August, so the calendar fits instructional, operational, and family needs.

Certification

TEC §§21.003, 21.044, 21.053, 21.055

Allows principals, CTE leaders, and HR hire qualified professionals from industry, trades, and other fields for ASL, CTE, STEM, and dual credit courses using local criteria, within the HB 2 limits for foundation subjects.

Site-based decision making

TEC §§11.251–11.255

Allows the District to design its own committees and improvement plans so they focus on the highest priority needs instead of every statutory topic, while keeping meaningful input from staff, parents, and the community.

Attendance for credit

TEC §25.092

Shifts the focus from seat time to mastery so students who miss class for school activities or other legitimate reasons are not automatically denied credit. Compulsory attendance and UIL rules still apply.

What each exemption does (2 of 2)

Employee appraisal

TEC §§21.351, 21.354, 21.3541

Allows the District to use locally selected appraisal tools and measures, such as observations, goal setting, and student learning objectives, that support professional growth and reflect local priorities.

Employee contract provisions

TEC §§21.102(b), 21.211(b)

Allows a second probationary year for an experienced teacher who would benefit from more coaching and support, and unpaid suspension while serious misconduct is addressed, with all required notice and grievance rights.

Depository contracts

TEC §45.205

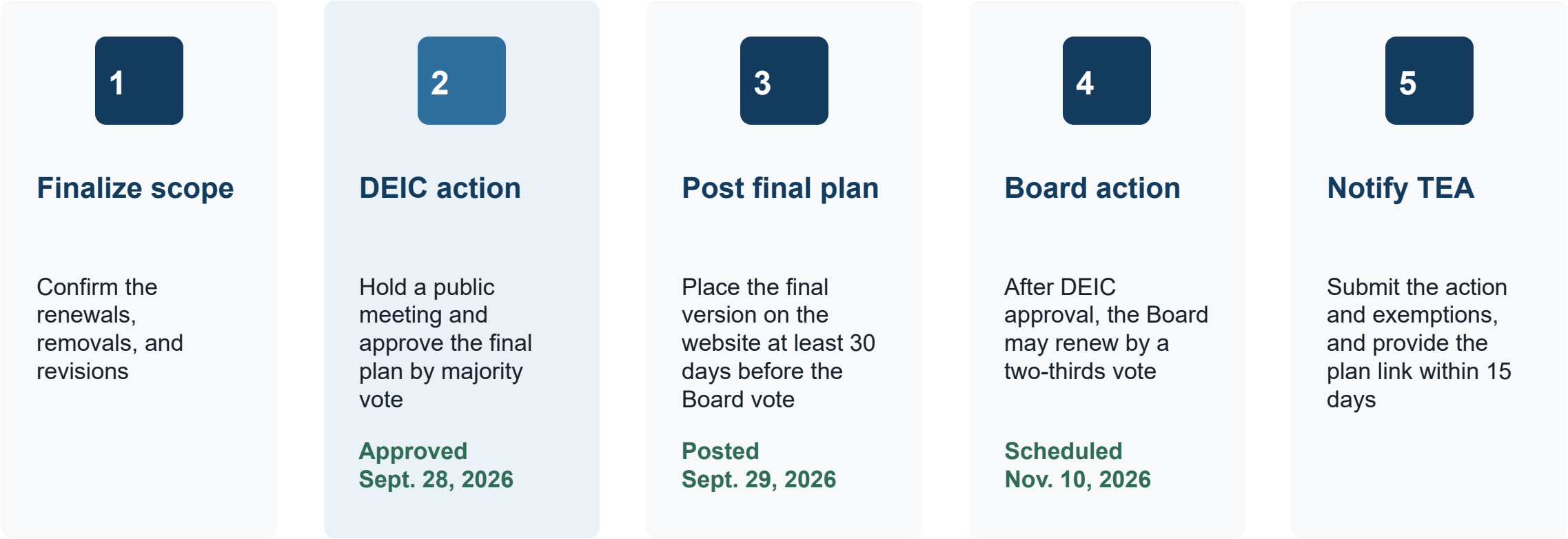
Allows the District to negotiate a bank contract term and extension schedule that fits its needs, preserving favorable rates, services, and terms and reducing the cost of repeated procurement.

Group health benefits

TEC §22.004(i)

Keeps the option to evaluate employee health plans that may offer better coverage, cost, or design. It does not change the current plan; any change would require separate review and Board action.

DEIC approval comes before the Board vote



Target: complete Board action before January 11, 2027. Renewal does not require advance notice to the commissioner of the Board’s intent to vote.

Source: 19 TAC §§102.1307 and 102.1313