

**RIVER ROAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMARILLO, TEXAS**

Subject: Appoint a District of
Innovation Plan Committee

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Background Information:

After the Board has adopted a resolution to initiate the process to become a district of innovation and after a public hearing has been conducted, it is in order for the Board to appoint a committee to develop the innovation plan.

Education Code Chapter 12A allows the Board to appoint the district-level site-based decision making committee (River Road ISD's Site-Base Decision Making or SBDM team) to serve as the committee to develop the district's innovation plan, or appoint a separate committee.

State law also allows the Board to set parameters within which the committee will work. The Administration is recommending that the Board outline the following parameters, or innovation areas, for the committee to consider. These would be the areas in which the District would be exempt from state laws, according to the innovation plan as it is adopted by the Board.

- **Texas Education Code §25.0811 (EB LEGAL): First Day of Instruction**
 - Directs that instruction may not begin before the fourth Monday in August, except in certain circumstances (not applicable to RRISD).
- **Texas Education Code §25.0812 (EB LEGAL): Last Day of School**
 - Directs that the last day of school may not be scheduled before May 15th.
- **Texas Education Code §21.003 (DBA LEGAL): Certification Required**
 - Directs that a person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate...
- **Texas Education Code §21.055 (DBA LEGAL): School District Teaching Permit**
 - Directs that a school district shall seek the commissioner's approval when employing an individual to teach in a subject other than Career and/or Technical

- **Texas Education Code §21.057 (DBA LEGAL): Parental Notification**
 - Directs that a school district notify parents within 30 consecutive school days when their child's class is not being taught by an appropriately certified teacher
- **Texas Education Code §25.112 (EEB LEGAL): Class Size**
 - Directs that a school district in grades Kindergarten thru Fourth grade may not enroll more than 22 students in a class.
- **Texas Education Code §25.113 (EEB LEGAL): Notice of Class Size**
 - Directs that a school district granted a class size reduction waiver notify the parents of the students in the class of the waiver.
- **Texas Education Code §38.101 (FFAA LEGAL): Physical Fitness Assessment Req.**
 - Directs that a school district annually assess the physical fitness of students enrolled in grade three or higher.
- **Texas Education Code §38.103 (FFAA LEGAL): Reporting of Physical Fitness Results**
 - Directs that a school district shall report the results from the Physical Fitness Assessment to the agency
- **Texas Education Code §25.081 (EB LEGAL): Minimum Minutes of Instruction**
 - Directs that students must attend 75,600 minutes of instruction; does not provide an exception for pre-kindergarten students.

Administrative Recommendation:

The Administration recommends the Board appoint the River Road ISD Site-Base Decision Making (SBDM) Team as the committee to develop the innovation plan for River Road ISD's designation as a District of Innovation. The Administration further recommends the Board consider establishing the areas listed above as parameters within which the committee will work.

Board Action Required:

I move the Board appoint the River Road ISD Site-Base Decision Making (SBDM) Team as the committee to develop the innovation plan for River Road ISD's designation as a District of Innovation, and the Board consider establishing the areas listed above as parameters within which the committee will work.