



## **ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE**

**MEETING DATE:** October 15, 2018

**AGENDA ITEM:** Consider Approval of Resolution to Consider Designation as a District of Innovation

**PRESENTER:** Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent and Amber Crissey, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

**ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S):**  
All

### **Background Information:**

As was discussed at the September 17, 2018 board meeting, the District would pursue District of Innovation (DOI) status in an effort to improve the way that students are served, as determined by local needs. The flexibilities available with DOI status can include exemptions from some state mandates related to student attendance, decision-making processes, academic calendar, and teacher appraisals, for example. A large number of Texas school districts have made the decision to become Districts of Innovation.

State law, at Texas Education Code, Chapter 12A, prescribes the process that a school district must use to pursue DOI status. This process includes approval of a resolution and appointment of a DOI committee by the Board of Trustees, a public hearing, the website posting of the draft DOI plan for 30 days prior to approval by the Board, and notice to the Texas Commissioner of Education. In addition, the adoption of a DOI plan by the Board necessitates some revisions to Board policies.

### **Administrative Considerations:**

All information about the Aledo ISD DOI process will be available to the community on a DOI webpage on the district's website. In addition, once the draft DOI plan is developed by the committee, it will be posted on the webpage and all feedback from the community will be reviewed by the committee and shared with the Board of Trustees prior to the committee's recommendation of a final plan to the Board.

Proposed timeline is as follows:

**September 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting:** Communicate to school board that we are pursuing becoming a DOI and that we will bring a resolution, ask them to appoint a committee, and request a public hearing at the October meeting.

**October 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting:**

1. Hold a Public Hearing
2. Approve a resolution
3. Appoint a DOI Committee

**Late October/early November:**

DOI meetings will be held with the approved committee on:  
October 10, October 23, October 30 to develop the plan proposal

**Mid-November/December:**

November 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting: Board reviews draft DOI plan.

November 13<sup>th</sup> through December 12<sup>th</sup> proposed plan is posted on the district website to request stakeholder feedback – must be posted for 30 days.

December 12<sup>th</sup> DOI committee meets to review all the stakeholder feedback on the proposed plan.

December 17<sup>th</sup> the latest version of the DOI plan is shared at the December board meeting.

**January:**

January 9<sup>th</sup> – DOI committee meets to vote on the proposed DOI plan.

Send notification to the Commissioner of our intention to vote on local DOI plan.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> board meeting, board conducts first reading of the DOI plan as approved by the DOI committee.

**February:**

February 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting, board has second reading and votes to approve/not approve DOI plan – must be 2/3 majority.

February 20<sup>th</sup> administrative staff will notify the Commissioner of Aledo ISD Board approval and the list of exemptions, and the approved plan will be sent to TEA within 15 days of adoption (by March 8<sup>th</sup>).

We will post the approved plan online with all other DOI documents.

**FISCAL NOTE:** None

**Administrative Recommendation:**

Administration recommends adoption of the District of Innovation Resolution as presented.