

District of Innovation Committee

May 24, 2016

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of the District of Innovation (DOI) Committee.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- The board previously passed a resolution and held a public hearing regarding the exploration of becoming a DOI.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- A District of Innovation is a concept passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, effectively immediately, that gives traditional independent school districts most of the flexibilities available to Texas' open enrollment charter schools. To access these flexibilities, a school district must adopt an innovation plan, as set forth in Texas Education Code chapter 12A.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- The Board appoints committee to develop plan with (1) comprehensive educational program with innovations, and (2) list of Education Code provisions to be exempt TEC 12A.002(b)(2), 12A.00.3

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- None at this time

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- The DOI Committee will develop an innovation plan to be presented to be presented to the board in the spring of 2017. The board cannot approve the plan until the final plan has been posted online for 30 days, the commissioner has been notified, the district-level advisory committee (DAC) has held a public meeting to consider the final plan, and the DAC has approved the plan by a majority vote. The public hearing and vote of the DAC may occur at the same meeting. The board of trustees may then vote to approve the plan. The vote must pass by a two-thirds majority vote. The district may then function in accordance with the plan and be exempt from the specified Education Code mandates.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None at this time

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- No one spoke at the public hearing

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed.

OTHER COMMENTS:

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SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION: *It is recommended the board appoint the committee as presented.*

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Chris Shade, Director of School Improvement and Support

ATTACHMENT:

- 2016-17 Denton ISD District of Innovation Committee

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____