

# AGENDA ITEM

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**Subject:** District of Innovation Resolution

**Rationale:** HB 1842 was passed during the 84th Texas Legislative Session in Spring 2015, and provides Texas public school districts the opportunity to be designated as Districts of Innovation. To access these flexibilities, a school district must adopt an innovation plan, as set forth in Texas Education Code Chapter 12A. Districts of Innovation may be exempted from a number of state statutes and will have:

- greater local control as the decision makers over the educational and instructional model for students;
- increased freedom and flexibility, with accountability, relative to state mandates that govern educational programming; and
- empowerment to innovate and think differently.

Districts are not exempt from statutes including curriculum and graduation requirements, and academic and financial accountability.

The proposed plan, once adopted, will remain in effect for the next five years (2016-20). The plan may be amended at any time by the District of Innovation Committee with the approval of the school board.

**Recommendation:** Approve the Resolution Regarding Hillsboro ISD being a District of Innovation.