

MEETING DATE: December 17, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: District of Innovation Update

PRESENTER: Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As was discussed at the board meetings in September, October and November, the District is pursuing District of Innovation (DOI) status in an effort to improve the way that students are served, as determined by local needs.

As prescribed by state law, at Texas Education Code, Chapter 12A, the Board approved the adoption of a DOI resolution, held the public hearing on becoming a DOI, and appointed a DOI committee at the October board meeting.

Since the October board meeting, the following actions have occurred:

- October 18th the Bearcat Leadership Team (BLT) participated in the research of no less than 75 DOI districts and evaluated possible exemptions
- October 23rd the District-Wide Effectiveness Improvement (DWEIC)/District of Innovation (DOI) committee met and completed the same research activity as the BLT
- From October 24th through October 29th, DWEIC members shared the DOI information with their campus staffs and requested all staff provide feedback on a Google form
- October 30th the DWEIC/DOI Committee reviewed all feedback to date. At this
 meeting consensus was reached to bring forth four draft exemptions
- At the November 12th Board meeting, an update was provided by DOI committee members on the DOI process and proposed exemptions
- The draft DOI plan, including the four proposed exemptions, was posted on the district website for stakeholder feedback for 30 calendar days beginning November 16th
- All parents and staff received an email from Dr. Bohn on November 16th concerning the draft plan and requesting feedback
- Commissioner Morath was notified of our intent to become a DOI district on November 16th

• DWEIC/DOI Committee met on December 12th to review stakeholder comments, the feedback window will remain open through December 17th and any feedback received after December 12th will be shared with the DWEIC/DOI Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS:

- The adoption of a DOI plan by the Board will necessitate some revisions to Board policies.
- Proposed timeline is as follows:

January:

- January 9th DWEIC/DOI Committee holds a public meeting to consider all feedback and vote on the proposed DOI plan
- January 22nd board meeting the board conducts first reading of the DOI plan as approved by the DOI committee

February:

- February 19th board meeting board has second reading and votes to approve/not approve DOI plan – must be 2/3 majority
- February 20th 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 8th)
- We will post the approved plan online with all other DOI documents

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: None

ATTACHMENTS: Aledo ISD District of Innovation Plan Draft

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: None, communication item only