

RESOLUTION  
Schools of Innovation Program  
Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-15-2801 et seq.

Whereas the Fort Smith Public Schools Board of Directors met in a regular, open, and properly-called board meeting on April 27, 2020 in a virtual setting in compliance with COVID-19 CDC guidelines. Whereas \_\_\_\_\_ members were present, a quorum was declared by the chair.

Whereas a representative of the Council of Innovation presented a Plan of Innovation. Whereas, the Plan of Innovation is summarized as follows:

Southside High School is excited to offer our school of innovation application. We plan to offer self-paced, blended courses, facilitated by a highly qualified teacher in the content area for the 16 core competencies. By allowing students opportunities to work at their own pace, they have the ability to move quickly through content where they show mastery, while spending more time in areas where they need additional support. Waivers for traditional seat time requirements allow students the ability to move at a more rapid pace for their core classes, resulting in more time for classes at the PEAK center, concurrent classes through UAFS, internships and apprenticeships, and other opportunities that support their career goals. We would offer SOI to sophomores for the 20-21 school year, adding additional grade levels each subsequent year.

Whereas the Board of Directors had opportunity to review the Plan, including the Statement of Assurances signed by the Superintendent, and to ask any questions.

Whereas the Board of Directors received a recommendation to adopt a resolution to approve the Plan of Innovation, and to approve submission of the Plan to the Commissioner of Education for designation as a School of Innovation, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-15-2803(a).

Whereas the Board, after serious consideration, moved to approve the Plan of Innovation:  
Therefore, due to the specific reasons cited above, it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Fort Smith Public Schools Board of Directors to approve the Plan of Innovation.

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Dr. Doug Brubaker, Superintendent

Date

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Mr. Bill Hanesworth, Board President

Date