

Spring Branch Independent School District

Agenda Item Information

Date of Board Meeting: November 17, 2025

Subject: Discussion and Possible Approval of the SBISD District of Innovation Renewal Plan

Administrator Responsible:

Name: Linda Buchman

Position: Associate Superintendent for Communications and Community Engagement

Purpose of Agenda Item: Discussion

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR BACK-UP:

In the 2015-16 school year, Spring Branch ISD became the first district to launch the then-brand-new opportunity provided by the Texas Legislature for public school districts to become a District of Innovation (DOI). DOI plans must be renewed every five years. The district's DOI Plan was renewed by the Board of Trustees for a second five-year period, effective January 21, 2021.

At the Board of Trustees' September 8, 2025, Workshop meeting, Trustees approved a resolution authorizing the district to move forward with further consideration of the renewal of the district's District of Innovation Plan for a third five-year period. The Board of Trustees also approved the appointment of the SBISD District Improvement Team (DIT) as the committee to study the renewal of SBISD's DOI Plan in accordance with Chapter 12A of the Texas Education Code.

At their October 2 meeting, DIT members unanimously approved the administration's proposed DOI Renewal Plan and unanimously approved to move forward with the required 30-day Public Comment Period on the proposed plan. The 30-day Public Comment Period was October 3, 2025-November 2, 2025.

At their November 6 meeting, DIT members heard a report on the comments received during the Public Comment Period. Following the report, DIT members voted to recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed DOI Renewal Plan, to be effective as of January 21, 2026.

The DOI Renewal Plan is provided as backup to this agenda item. The DOI Renewal Plan must be approved by the Board of Trustees no later than January 21, 2026, for SBISD to retain the district's DOI status.