

**Approval of Denton ISD District of Innovation Plan Amendment
March 29, 2022**

SUMMARY:

On February 9, 2022, a proposal for an Amendment to the current local innovation plan, which would allow exemption to Texas Education Code: §37.105, was presented by Deron Robinson, General Counsel, to the Denton ISD Educational Improvement Council (EIC). Texas Education Code §37.105 applies to ejecting unruly guests from campuses and school events. In 2017, the Texas Legislature changed the law on how school administrators can eject disorderly guests from school events. This applies to parents and community members, not students. Under the law, the guest must be given a warning before he or she is ejected. Upon ejection, the guest must also be given notice of how he/she can appeal the ejection. Denton ISD would allow designated staff members the authority to remove parents or visitors whose behavior is deemed dangerous, threatening or so significantly inappropriate that it negatively affects the school environment without first providing warning or written notice. The Amendment has been posted for the required thirty days, and the Administration and Denton ISD EIC recommends Board approval.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

The District of Innovation (DOI) Plan was developed by Denton ISD in a very thorough process beginning in January 2016, and culminating with adoption of the DOI by the Denton ISD Board of Trustees on December 13, 2016.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Currently a school administrator or school resource officer, may eject a person from property under the district’s control only if the person refuses to leave peaceable on request and the person poses a substantial risk of harm to any person or the person behaves in a manner that is inappropriate for a school setting. The administrator or resource officer must issue a verbal warning to the person prior to ejection and provide written information explaining the appeal process. This change will allow individuals to be trespassed from Denton ISD property without these prerequisites.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

None at this time.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

Provides school administrators the opportunity to exercise expediency and authority in ejecting and trespassing unruly guests from school events.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

None at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative will be to continue to provide verbal warnings and written appeal information to unruly guests at District events.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION:

Superintendent recommends approval of the District of Innovation Amendment as presented.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

Deron Robinson, General Counsel

ATTACHMENT:

Amendment to the District of Innovation

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____