



# SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: Jan 18, 2023

Agenda Section: Discussion and Possible Action

Agenda Item Title: Local Innovation Plan

From: Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Additional Presenters if Applicable:

### Description:

House Bill (HB) 1842, passed during the 84th Legislative Session, allows Texas public school districts to pursue the designation of District of Innovation. This designation allows local school districts to obtain exemptions from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code. In turn, the district would have more flexibility and provide local control to the district's Board of Trustees. On August 22, 2022 the South San Antonio Independent School District's Board of Trustees passed a Resolution to begin the process of becoming a District of Innovation to support local innovative initiatives and to improve educational outcomes for all students and the school community as a whole. The District's Board of Trustees also held a public hearing on the decision to become a District of Innovation on September 19, 2022.

On October 12, 2022, the Board of Trustees, working with the input of the Superintendent of Schools, took action to appoint a fourteen member District of Innovation Committee. The Committee, composed of school district leaders, teachers, and community members, represented a diverse cohort of the District's stakeholders.

The District of Innovation Committee met on October 25, November 3 and November 9 to prepare a Local Innovation Plan to address the needs and challenges of the District. On November 17, 2022, The Board of Trustees notified the Texas Commissioner of Education of the District's intent to become a District of Innovation. The plan was posted online for public viewing and feedback on November 17, 2022, and will remain online for 30 days. The plan will then be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration of adoption on January 18, 2023.

Historical Data:

SSAISD had a local innovation plan that expired at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

Recommendation: Approve the Local innovation plan developed by the SSAISD Local Innovation Committee.

Purchasing Personnel and Approval Date: N/A

Funding Budget Code and Amount: N/A

# DISTRICT OF INNOVATION



January 18, 2023

# TIMELINE

- SSAISD Board of Trustees passed a resolution to begin the process of becoming a District of Innovation to support local innovative initiatives, and to improve educational outcomes for all students. (August 22, 2022)
- SSAISD Board of Trustees held a public hearing. (September 19, 2022)
- SSAISD Board of Trustees appointed a fourteen member District of Innovation Committee. (October 25, 2022)
- The District of Innovation Committee met October 25, November 3, and November 9 to develop the local plan.
- SSAISD Board of Trustees notified the Texas Commissioner of Education of the Districts intent to become a district of Innovation and posted the plan on the Districts Website. (November 17, 2022)
- District of Innovation Committee held a public meeting that was advertised on our website and social media. (January 17, 2023)

## DOI COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- *TEC §25.0811 First Day of Instruction and §25.0812 Last Day of Instruction*
- *TEC §21.003 Certification and TEC §21.051 Required Field-based Experience*
- *TEC §25.112 Class Size and §25.113 Notice of Class Size*
- *TEC §25.112 and §21.102 Probationary Contracts*