



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2018

AGENDA ITEM: Aledo ISD Pursuit of District of Innovation Status

PRESENTER: Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent and Amber Crissey,
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction

ALIGNS TO BOARD GOAL(S):

All

Background Information:

The District of Innovation (DOI) concept was passed by the 84th Texas Legislature, and gives traditional independent school districts the opportunity to engage in a process to access some operational flexibilities. These flexibilities are pursued in an effort to improve the way that students are served, as determined by local needs, and can include exemptions from some state mandates related to student attendance, decision-making processes, academic calendar, and teacher appraisals, for example. A large number of Texas school districts have made the decision to become Districts of Innovation.

The Administration is interested in discussing with the Board of Trustees pursuit of DOI status for the district in an effort to allow operational flexibilities, as recommended to the Board by a local DOI committee. The Administration believes that more local control and flexibility will permit the district to best serve its students.

State law, at Texas Education Code Chapter 12A, prescribes the process that a school district must use to pursue DOI status. This process includes approval of a resolution and appointment of a DOI committee by the Board of Trustees, a public hearing, the website posting of the draft DOI plan for 30 days prior to approval by the Board, and notice to the Texas Commissioner of Education. In addition, the adoption of a DOI plan by the Board necessitates some revisions to Board policies.

Administrative Considerations:

The Administration intends to discuss the DOI concept and process, as well as a proposed timeline with the Board of Trustees at the September 17, 2018 regular Board meeting. After discussion with the Board, the Administration intends to ask the Board to hold a public hearing, approve a DOI resolution, and approve the DOI committee to start the process at an upcoming regular Board meeting. All information about the Aledo ISD DOI process will be available to the community on a DOI webpage on the district's

website. In addition, once the draft DOI plan is developed by the committee, it will be posted on the webpage and all feedback from the community will be reviewed by the committee and shared with the Board of Trustees prior to the committee's recommendation of a final plan to the Board.

FISCAL NOTE: None

Administrative Recommendation:

This is a communication item only. More information will follow at the October board meeting.