

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

Whereas the Fort Smith School District Board of Directors met in a regular, open, and properly-called board meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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 began the process of seeking designation as an Arkansas School of Innovation with an initial application for the 2019-2020 school year. Southside achieved designation status in 2022. Moving forward, Southside High School seeks renewal of the Schools of Innovation designation as a means by which existing programs can be continued, improved, and expanded. The primary goals as written in the renewal application are to (1) increase student achievement and (2) build and support a healthier school culture. Innovative pathways within the two overarching goals will allow for flexibility in student learning as it relates to place, pace, and product.*

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 School District Board of Directors to approve the Plan of Innovation.

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Superintendent

Date

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Board President

Date