

# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**TOPIC:** Timeline for the Renewal of District of Innovation Plan (DOI)

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**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE ASSIGNED FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:** October 20, 2021

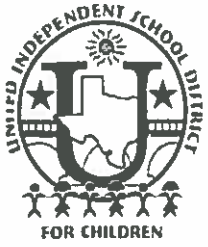
**RECOMMENDATION:**

United ISD will be renewing the 2017 District of Innovation Plan (DOI) which expires in March 2022.

**RATIONALE:**

**BUDGETARY INFORMATION:**

**POLICY REFERENCE & COMPLIANCE:**



# United ISD

## District of Innovation Renewal Timeline

August 2021	Initiate process of proposing to become a District of Innovation by identifying provisions currently in place that should be exempted on this plan—Review with Leadership Team.
September 2021	Discuss process of renewal to continue with status of District of Innovation by identifying provisions currently in place that should be exempted on this plan with campus/district administrators at Cabinet Meeting.
October 12, 2021	Present to the Board of Trustees district's plan to renew DOI status and send letter to Commissioner/TEA (1 <sup>st</sup> required notification).
October 14, 2021	Meet with DAC (District Advisory Committee) to identify exemptions include, reviews local district policies affected.
November 4, 2021	Meet with DAC to finalize DOI renewal plan. Present to Management and Leadership Team Draft of DOI Plan.
December 2, 2021	Finalize details of Innovation Plan with DAC, and vote within DAC. Send policies for attorneys for review.
December 15, 2021	Present Plan to Board at Regular Called Board Meeting for approval.
December 16, 2021	Post Innovation Plan on district website for at least 30 days runs through January 16, 2022. The District will send TEA Commissioner notice of approval of the plan and all other TEA required information (completed within 15 days after the board approves).
Upon approval	District functions in accordance with plan and will be exempt from the Texas Education Code mandates noted in plan.



# DISTRICTS OF INNOVATION AMENDMENT & RENEWAL

Texas Education Agency

## OVERVIEW

	<b>AMENDMENT OR RENEWAL OF LOCAL INNOVATION PLAN.</b>
<b>TEC §12A.007</b>	<i>A local innovation plan may be amended, rescinded, or renewed if the action is approved by a vote of the district-level committee established under Section 11.251, or a comparable committee if the district is exempt from that section, and the board of trustees in the same manner as required for initial adoption of a local innovation plan under Section 12A.005.</i>
<b>19 TAC §102.1313</b>	<i>(a) A district innovation plan may be amended, rescinded, or renewed if the action is approved by a majority vote of the district-level committee established under the Texas Education Code (TEC), §11.251, or a comparable committee if the district is exempt from that section, and a two-thirds majority vote of the board of trustees. (b) The district shall notify the commissioner of education of any actions taken pursuant to subsection (a) of this section along with the associated TEC exemptions and local approval dates.</i>

A designated District of Innovation may choose to amend or renew its plan at any time pursuant to applicable sections of Texas Education Code (TEC) and Texas Administrative Code (TAC). The processes for amending and renewing a plan are different, however. Please see the information below.

### Amendment

<b>19 TAC §102.1313(a)</b>	<i>(1) Amendment. An amendment to an approved plan does not change the date of the term of designation as an innovation district. Exemptions that were already formally approved are not required to be reviewed.</i>
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- An amendment may be made to a DOI plan at any time during the term of the plan.
- An amendment to a DOI plan does not require the district to repeat the adoption process in its entirety (see "Process Requirements" chart on page 2).
- An amendment to a DOI plan does not change the date of the term of the plan; the original adopted term must remain the same.

### Renewal

<b>19 TAC §102.1313(a)</b>	<i>(3) Renewal. During renewal, all sections of the plan and exemptions shall be reviewed and the district must follow all components outlined in §102.1307 of this title (relating to Adoption of Local Innovation Plan).</i>
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- A DOI plan may be renewed at any time during the term of the plan.
- A district may only have one innovation plan at any given time (19 TAC §102.1311). As such, a renewed plan takes effect only after the term of the district's current innovation plan expires. In the instance that the district intends for the term of a renewed plan to begin prior to the expiration of its current plan, the renewed plan supersedes the district's current plan at that time and the current plan is considered void.
- The district must repeat the adoption process outlined in 19 TAC §102.1207, however 2 specific steps are not required to be repeated (see "Process Requirements" chart on page 2).
- The term of the DOI plan may be extended for up to an additional 5 years during renewal.

## Process Requirements

PROCESS REQUIREMENT	AMENDMENT	RENEWAL
Board Resolution/Petition signed by majority of District Advisory Committee	NO	NO
Public Hearing by School Board on whether to develop a plan (TEC §12A.002)	NO	NO
Final version of the proposed plan has been available on the district's website for at least 30 days	NO	YES
The board of trustees has notified the commissioner of education of the board's intention to vote on adoption of the proposed plan (see applicable "Notification" section below)	NO	YES
The district-level committee established under the Texas Education Code (TEC), §11.251, has held a public* meeting to consider the final version of the proposed plan and has approved the plan by a majority vote of the committee member (*meeting must be public for renewal)	YES	YES
The board of trustees adopts a proposed local innovation plan by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the board	YES	YES
The district notifies the commissioner of approval of the plan along with a list of approved TEC exemptions by completing the agency <a href="#">form</a> provided in the figure in this subsection (see applicable "Notification" section below)	YES	YES
The district shall ensure that a copy of the local innovation plan is posted on the district's website in accordance with the TEC, §12A.0071, for the term of the designation as an innovation district.	YES	YES
Not later than the 15th day after the date on which the board of trustees finalizes a local innovation plan either through adoption, amendment, or renewal, the district shall provide a copy of [link to] the current local innovation plan to the Texas Education Agency for posting on the agency website	YES	YES

## Notification: Amendment

When notifying the commissioner of the board's actions as they relate to *amending* a DOI plan, please refer to the following chart (NOTE: notification is required only upon the adoption of an amendment).

Item	Description
Email or Letter (choose either or both)	<p>Email:</p> <p>To: <a href="mailto:Commissioner@tea.texas.gov">Commissioner@tea.texas.gov</a> cc: <a href="mailto:Accred@tea.texas.gov">Accred@tea.texas.gov</a></p> <p>Letter:</p> <p>Texas Education Agency Attn: Accreditation 1701 N Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701</p>
Body	<p>Notify the commissioner that the board has approved an amendment to the plan and include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption date (date of board meeting)</li> <li>• Amendments made (TEC sections added or removed from plan)</li> <li>• Link to amended plan on district's website (landing page)</li> </ul>
Attachments	<p>Updated checklist of exemptions reflecting <i>all</i> sections of code from which the district is exempt (both newly and previously adopted) [Figure <a href="#">19 TAC §102.1307(d)</a>]</p>

## Notification: Renewal

When notifying the commissioner of the board's actions as they relate to *renewing* a DOI plan, please refer to the following charts (NOTE: notification is required *both before and after* adoption of a renewed DOI plan):

NOTICE OF INTENT TO RENEW (1 <sup>st</sup> required notification)	
Item	Description
Email or Letter (choose either or both)	<p>Email:</p> <p>To: <a href="mailto:Commissioner@tea.texas.gov">Commissioner@tea.texas.gov</a> cc: <a href="mailto:Accred@tea.texas.gov">Accred@tea.texas.gov</a></p> <p>Letter:</p> <p>Texas Education Agency Attn: Accreditation 1701 N Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701</p>
Body	<p>Notify the commissioner that the board <i>intends to renew</i> the DOI plan (before adoption):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intended adoption date (date of future board meeting)</li> <li>• Link to final proposed renewed plan on district's website</li> </ul>

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RENEWAL (2 <sup>ND</sup> required notification)	
Item	Description
Email or Letter (choose either or both)	<p>Email:</p> <p>To: <a href="mailto:Commissioner@tea.texas.gov">Commissioner@tea.texas.gov</a> cc: <a href="mailto:Accred@tea.texas.gov">Accred@tea.texas.gov</a></p> <p>Letter:</p> <p>Texas Education Agency Attn: Accreditation 1701 N Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78701</p>
Body	<p>Notify the commissioner that the board <i>adopted</i> the renewed plan (after adoption):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption date (date of board meeting)</li> <li>• Link to final adopted/renewed plan on district's website (landing page)</li> </ul>
Attachments	<p>Updated checklist of exemptions reflecting <i>all</i> sections of code from which the district is exempt (both newly and previously adopted) [Figure: <a href="#">19 TAC §102.1307(d)</a>]</p>

## Resources

- TEA Districts of Innovation Webpage: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/district-initiatives/districts-of-innovation>
- Texas Education Code, Chapter 12A, Districts of Innovation: [https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED\\_12A.htm](https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED_12A.htm)
- Adopted Commissioner's Rules - 19 TAC Chapter 102, Subchapter JJ, Innovation District: <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch102jj.pdf>