## What Do we Know About the District of Innovation (DOI) Opportunity?

- HB 1842 was passed during the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session in Spring, 2015 and provides districts the opportunities to be designated as Districts of Innovation
- Districts of Innovation may be exempted from a number of state statutes
- Districts of Innovation will have greater local control, have increased freedom and flexibility with accountability, relative to state mandates, and empowerment to innovate and think differently
- Districts of Innovation can decide on which flexibilities best suit local needs to increase opportunities for student success

## Possible Exemptions (but not limited to)

- Educator Certification
- Teacher Contracts
- First and Last Day of School
- Length of School Day
- Class Size
- Certain Purchasing and Contract Requirements

## What is the Process for Becoming a District of Innovation?

- Process begins either with a board of trustees resolution or by signed petition from a majority of district-level advisory committee
- Board conducts a public hearing to consider developing an innovation plan
- Within 30 days of public hearing Board must formally decide to purse or decline the opportunity
- Board appoints an Innovation Plan Committee to write a plan
- Post plan on district website for at least 30 days
- Board notifies the Commissioner of intent to adopt plan
- District Committee holds a public meeting to consider and approve the final version with a majority vote
- Board of Trustees adopts plan with a two-thirds majority vote
- Notify the Commissioner

## **How Will We Communicate?**

