



SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: September 19, 2022

Agenda Section: Public Hearing

Agenda Item Title: District of Innovation

From: Joel Gaines, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Additional Presenters if Applicable:

Description:

Sec. 12A.002. PUBLIC HEARING. (a) Promptly after adopting a resolution under Section 12A.001(c)(1) or receiving a petition under Section 12A.001(c)(2), the board of trustees shall hold a public hearing to consider whether the district should develop a local innovation plan for the designation of the district as a district of innovation.

Historical Data: South San Antonio ISD District of Innovation plan has expired, and the district is seeking to develop a new plan. The board passed a resolution on August 22, 2022 to begin pursuing the designation as a District of Innovation.

Recommendation: NA

Purchasing Personnel and Approval Date: NA

Funding Budget Code and Amount: NA

District of Innovation Public Hearing



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Overview



- Are we eligible?
- How do we become a District of Innovation?
- Who should be involved?
- What flexibilities does it allow?
- What role does TEA play?

Are We Eligible?

- Yes, if the districts accountability rating is at least acceptable (C).
- No, If district rating is (D) or (F)

How do we become an innovation District?

- Process began last month with the board of trustees resolution.
- Board conducts a public hearing to consider developing an innovation plan.
- Within 30 days of public hearing Board must formally decide to pursue or decline the opportunity.

Next Steps

- The Board appoints an Innovation Plan Committee.
- District posts the plan on the district website for 30 days.
- Notify the commissioner of intent to adopt the plan.
- Committee holds a public meeting to consider and approve the final version with a majority vote.
- Board of Trustees adopts the plan with a two-thirds majority vote.
- Notify the Commission after adoption.

Types of Prohibited Exemptions

- District Governance
- Curriculum
- State Assessment System
- State Accountability System
- School Finance
- Federal Requirements

Types of Allowable Exemptions

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

TEA Role

- The agency does not have the authority to to approve or disapprove plan.
- Commissioner may revoke or have the district amend the plan after two consecutive years of unacceptable academic or FIRST ratings.
- The commissioner must revoke after three consecutive years of unacceptable or FIRST ratings.

Questions?