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## Superintendent Recommendations for Designation as a District of Innovation

### Recommended Parameters:

- **Texas Education Code §25.0811 (EB LEGAL): First Day of Instruction**
  - Directs that instruction may not begin before the fourth Monday in August, except in certain circumstances (not applicable to RRISD).
- **Texas Education Code §25.0812 (EB LEGAL): Last Day of School**
  - Directs that the last day of school may not be scheduled before May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **Texas Education Code §21.003 (DBA LEGAL): Certification Required**
  - Directs that a person may not be employed as a teacher, teacher intern or teacher trainee, librarian, educational aide, administrator, educational diagnostician, or school counselor by a school district unless the person holds an appropriate certificate....
- **Texas Education Code §21.055 (DBA LEGAL): School District Teaching Permit**
  - Directs that a school district shall seek the commissioner's approval when employing an individual to teach in a subject other than Career and/or Technical
- **Texas Education Code §21.057 (DBA LEGAL): Parental Notification**
  - Directs that a school district notify parents within 30 consecutive school days when their child's class is not being taught by an appropriately certified teacher
- **Texas Education Code §25.112 (EEB LEGAL): Class Size**
  - Directs that a school district in grades Kindergarten thru Fourth grade may not enroll more than 22 students in a class.
- **Texas Education Code §25.113 (EEB LEGAL): Notice of Class Size**
  - Directs that a school district granted a class size reduction waiver notify the parents of the students in the class of the waiver.
- **Texas Education Code §38.101 (FFAA LEGAL): Physical Fitness Assessment Req.**
  - Directs that a school district annually assess the physical fitness of students enrolled in grade three or higher.
- **Texas Education Code §38.103 (FFAA LEGAL): Reporting of Physical Fitness Results**
  - Directs that a school district shall report the results from the Physical Fitness Assessment to the agency
- **Texas Education Code §25.081 (EB LEGAL): Minimum Minutes of Instruction**
  - Directs that students must attend 75,600 minutes of instruction; does not provide an exception for pre-kindergarten students.



### **Recommended Committee:**

- Utilize the District Site-Base Decision Making (SBDM) Team to develop the innovation plan.
  - This committee is one of two options available under the District of Innovation statute. The other option is to create a completely separate committee. The SBDM will be responsible for developing a proposed school calendar, which is then presented to the Board of Trustees for approval. Board Member Kelly Venable will also be a part of the SBDM.
    - **Note:** The Innovation Plan may be amended in the future. In order to amend the Plan, a majority of the DEAC would have to vote to approve the amendment, as would two-thirds of the Board of Trustees. See Tex. Educ. Code §12A.007.

### **Proposed Timeframe:**

1. Board Approves Resolution (December 12)
2. Public Hearing by Board (December 12)
3. Board Appoints Committee (December 12)
  - Board outlines parameters for plan (see above)
4. Committee Meets (January 9 – January 31)
  - Consider exemptions
  - Create proposed Innovation Plan
  - Post proposed final Innovation Plan on RRISD's website (30 days: February 1 – March 2)
5. Send proposed final Innovation Plan to the Commissioner of Education to fulfill notification requirement (February 1)
6. Committee holds public hearing and meeting (requires SBDM majority approval) (March 6)
7. Committee votes on proposed final Innovation Plan (March 6)
8. School Board holds public hearing and meeting (March Board Meeting)
9. School Board approves proposed final Innovation Plan (requires  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority) (March Board Meeting)
10. Notify Commissioner of Education of Innovation Plan approval (immediately following approval)

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