



ALEDO ISD BOARD MEETING TEMPLATE

MEETING DATE: February 19, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: Consider Approval of District of Innovation Designation

PRESENTER: Lynn McKinney, Deputy Superintendent, Amber Crissey, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, and District of Innovation Committee members

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As was discussed at the board meetings in September, October, November, December, and January, the District is pursuing District of Innovation (DOI) status in an effort to improve the way that students are served, as determined by local needs.

As prescribed by state law, at Texas Education Code, Chapter 12A, the Board approved the adoption of a DOI resolution, held the public hearing on becoming a DOI, and appointed a DOI committee at the October board meeting.

Since the October board meeting, the following actions have occurred:

- October 18th the Bearcat Leadership Team (BLT) participated in the research of over 75 DOI districts and evaluated possible exemptions
- October 23rd the District-Wide Effectiveness Improvement (DWEIC)/District of Innovation (DOI) committee met and completed the same research activity as the BLT
- From October 24th through October 29th, DWEIC members shared the DOI information with their campus staffs and requested all staff provide feedback on a Google form
- October 30th the DWEIC/DOI Committee reviewed all feedback to date. At this meeting consensus was reached to bring forth four draft exemptions
- At the November 12th Board meeting, an update was provided by DOI committee members on the DOI process and proposed exemptions
- The draft DOI plan, including the four proposed exemptions, was posted on the district website for stakeholder feedback for 30 calendar days beginning November 16th
- All parents and staff received an email from Dr. Bohn on November 16th concerning the draft plan and requesting feedback
- Commissioner Morath was notified of our intent to become a DOI district on November 16th

- DWEIC/DOI Committee met on December 12th to review stakeholder comments, the feedback window remained open through December 17th and feedback received after December 12th was shared with the DWEIC/DOI Committee
- DWEIC/DOI Committee met on January 9th to conduct a Public Hearing and the DWEIC/DOI Committee voted to present the attached DOI draft plan to the board for the first reading
- At the January 22nd board meeting, the approved DOI draft plan was presented to the board for the first reading

Next steps include:

- February 19th board meeting – board has second reading and votes to approve/not approve DOI plan – must be 2/3 majority
- February 20th – administrative staff will notify the Commissioner of Aledo ISD Board approval and the list of exemptions, and the approved plan will be sent to TEA within 15 days of adoption (by March 8th)
- We will post the approved DOI plan online with all DOI documents and implement any accompanying Board policy changes

FISCAL INFORMATION: None

ATTACHMENTS: Aledo ISD District of Innovation Plan Draft

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Administration recommends the adoption of the Aledo ISD District of Innovation Plan.