



Keller ISD will **educate** students to achieve, **inspire** them to dream, and **challenge** them to grow, so that they are prepared to be productive members of the community in which they learn, live, and work.

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| DATE: | June 11, 2026 |
| SUBJECT: | <u>ADOPTION OF DISTRICT OF INNOVATION PLAN RENEWAL</u> |
| DEPARTMENT: | Governance |
| 5 OVER 5: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Impactful Instruction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Efficient Process & Systems <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engagement for All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication that Drives Clarity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Responsibility & Transparency |
| FISCAL NOTE: | None |

Background Information:

- The District of Innovation (DOI) is a concept passed by the 84th Texas Legislature through House Bill (HB) 1842 that gives traditional independent school districts most of the flexibilities available to open enrollment charter schools, including exemption from some requirements mandated in the Texas Education Code (TEC).
- Keller ISD’s original Innovation Plan was adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 19, 2017; amended February 8, 2018; and renewed December 18, 2021.
- A district’s Innovation Plan expires after five years unless renewed by the Board of Trustees.
- During the 89th Texas Legislative session, restrictions to permitted exemptions were added, including the removal of all TEC Ch. 37 exemptions related to student discipline.
- On October 23, 2025, the Board of Trustees approved the formation of a new District of Innovation Committee. That committee met three times through the spring of 2026, and voted at a fourth meeting on April 15 to approve a final draft version of the Innovation Plan to present to the Board of Trustees, which has been posted on the district website since April 16 – more than the 30 days required before the Board can take action.

Administrative Considerations:

- The committee-approved Innovation Plan presented removes any exemptions no longer relevant or allowed by law and retains all other exemptions from the previous version.
- No new exemptions have been added.
- Descriptive verbiage has been updated to reflect the committee’s feedback regarding administrative efforts to maintain reasonable class sizes and recognize teacher planning time.
- Following approval, the administration will notify TEA and the Texas Education Commissioner, as required by state law.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting Minutes
- Website Posting

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The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the renewed District of Innovation Plan as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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