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**Subject:** District of Innovation

**Rationale:** As presented in November, HB 1842 was passed during the 84th Texas Legislative Session in Spring 2015, and provides Texas public school districts the opportunity to be designated as Districts of Innovation. The DEIC was presented information about HB 1842 during their November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and members were in agreement to be approved by the Board to develop an innovative plan to meet our local needs. The resolution to become a District of Innovation (DOI) was approved by the HISD Board of Trustees on November 14<sup>th</sup> in addition to appointing the members of the DEIC to become the DOI committee.

Research was completed and then proposed ideas were disseminated to DOI committee members for review and for gathering input on January 9<sup>th</sup>. A proposed plan was posted on the Hillsboro ISD website on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and must remain posted for a minimum of 30 days. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, after much discussion, the attached plan was approved by the DOI committee. Exemptions are being proposed for certification requirements, employment contracts, and the school start date. Once adopted, the DOI plan will remain in effect for the next five years (2016-20). The plan may be amended at any time by the District of Innovation Committee with the approval of the school board.

**Recommendation:** Approve District of Innovation to become effective February 22<sup>nd</sup> pending opposition to the plan.