



May 3, 2016

Commissioner Mike Morath
Texas Education Agency
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Commissioner Morath,

The Mansfield Independent School District (“District”) is following the process required by House Bill 1842 (HB 1842), enacted by the 84th Texas Legislature and codified in the Texas Education Code Chapter (TEC) 12A, for the Board of Trustees to consider designating the District as a District of Innovation. On March 29, 2016 the Board unanimously adopted a resolution for the District to initiate the process of designation as a District of Innovation as required by TEC 12A.001. On March 29, 2016, the Board held a public hearing to consider whether the District should develop a local innovation plan and also approved creation of a District Advisory Committee to develop a local innovation plan as required by TEC 12A.002. The membership of the District Advisory Committee was approved by the Board on March 29, 2016, as required by TEC 12A.002. The District Advisory Committee developed the local innovation plan which was posted for a 30 day comment period on May 9, 2016, as required by TEC 12A.002 and TEC 12A.005.

On June 7, 2016, the District Advisory Committee, created pursuant to TEC 11.251, will hold a public meeting to consider and vote on the local innovation plan as required by TEC 12.005. If a majority of the voting members of the District Advisory Committee approve the plan, the Board will vote on the local innovation plan on June 28, 2016 at a public meeting conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The plan must be adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Board as required by TEC 12A.005.

The District’s local innovation plan proposes opting out of the following sections of the Texas Education Code.

- §21.003 Certification Required
- §25.0811 First Day of Instruction
- §25.0812 Last Day of School

Sincerely,

Jim Vazauskas, Ed.D.
Superintendent