



District of Innovation

Public Hearing
January 9, 2017

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-  The District of Innovation concept, passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, effective immediately, gives traditional independent school districts most to the flexibilities available to Texas' open-enrollment charter schools.
-  To access these flexibilities, a school district must adopt an innovation plan, as set forth in the Texas Education Code chapter 12A.

What can a DOI do?




- Potential benefits of becoming a District of Innovation include:
 - **Local control:** Districts decide which flexibilities best suit their local needs.
 - **Customization:** Districts can create an innovation plan for a level of schools (e.g., only high schools) grade level, or a single campus.
 - **Autonomy:** Districts must submit a district of innovation plan to the commissioner of education, but approval is not required.
 - **Flexibility:** Districts will have the flexibility to implement practices similar to chart schools, including exemptions from mandates such as:
 - School start date
 - Class-size ratios
 - 90% attendance rule
 - Teacher certification

Timeline for SISD

Dec 12:


-  Initial discussion with SISD Board of Trustees
-  Approve district resolution

Jan 9:


-  Public Hearing – explain and discuss the possibility of becoming a District of Innovation (DOI)
-  SISD Board to approve motion to pursue local “District of Innovation” plan
-  Board of Trustees approve the members of the DOI Committee

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 **Jan 18**

 Initial Meeting with District of Innovation Committee

 **Jan 26**

 Second meeting with District of Innovation Committee

 **Jan 27**

 Post Proposed District of Innovation Plan on District Website


 **Feb 27**

 Board Letter of Intent to Vote on becoming a District of Innovation

 **Mar 6**

 Board Meeting to Approve the Plan of Innovation

 **Mar 7**

 Letter to the Commissioner from Board of Approved Plan of Innovation

So Why a District of Innovation?

- 🌐 Increases local control... to allow Sanger ISD to make the best decisions for Sanger students, Sanger parents, and Sanger educators

