GISD District Performance Committee

November 5, 2026

Agenda

- Good Things & Introductions
- Vote: District of Innovation Renewal
- 27-28 School Year Calendar
- GISD District Improvement Plan

Good Things & Introductions

- Who are you?
- What's your connection to Georgetown ISD?
- What's the best Thanksgiving dish?

District of Innovation Plan: Renewal

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What is a District of Innovation Plan?

The District of Innovation concept, passed by the 84th Texas Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, gives traditional public-school districts the flexibility available to Texas charter schools. The law is intended to give districts more local control to suit their individual needs. To be granted these flexibilities, the district must adopt a District of Innovation plan. The term of the designation as a District of Innovation may not exceed 5 years and a renewal must be made to continue as a District of Innovation.

- The GISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved the first GISD District of Innovation plan in February of 2017.
- Our plan and additional information about it can be found on our website at https://www.georgetownisd.org/about-gisd/about-us/district-of-innovation

DOI Plan Renewal

- **What if we don’t renew before January 18?**
  - *All of the current exemptions expire. We’d have to start from scratch if we want to use any exemptions.*

- **Does renewing the plan change anything about our committee’s ability to add, delete, or revise an exemption if we want to?**
  - *No. In fact, this committee’s work to do those things in real time makes our renewal process easier.*

Next Steps

- If DPC approves this renewal, we have to post the plan online for 30 days.
- After 30 days, we'll host a public hearing for comment on our District of Innovation Plan and our Board of Trustees will vote to renew. *(This has to happen prior to January 18, 2027.)*

Let’s Vote

- Recommendation will be based on simple majority of 51%
- Paper Ballots
- We’ll review right away

27-28 School Year Calendar

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27-28 Calendar Development

- Exploring shorter school day
- Exploring longer school year
- Examining impacts to:
    - Instructional Day
    - District Operations
    - Transportation
    - Professional Learning

District Improvement Plan

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GEORGETOWN ISD STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT

Priority Area 1:



Excellence in Academics

Objective 1.1 - In GISD, every student engages with high-quality instruction, purposeful assessment, and timely supports that help them reach their full potential.
Objective 1.2 - GISD educators empower students to cultivate the Learner Profile attributes daily, turning every classroom experience into a stepping stone for personal and academic development.
Objective 1.3 - All GISD students have the skills and confidence to be successful in postsecondary education and the workforce.

Priority Area 2:



Student Connection & Belonging

Objective 2.1 - GISD students experience and create positive, respectful interactions with each other and with adults.
Objective 2.2 - GISD's students are engaged in experiences that allow them to deepen connections, explore their interests, gain confidence, and discover their passions.
Objective 2.3 - Students in Georgetown ISD feel valued, invested in, and have a sense of belonging at their school.

Priority Area 3:



Exceptional Staff Experience

Objective 3.1 - Georgetown ISD recruits and retains high-quality employees through competitive compensation and benefits to all employees.
Objective 3.2 - Georgetown ISD employees continuously grow in their craft and model the values that shape our culture.
Objective 3.3 - GISD employees find meaning and value in their work through a culture of voice, collaboration, recognition, respect, and belonging.

Priority Area 4:



Partnering with our Community

Objective 4.1 - Parents and community members engage in GISD schools.
Objective 4.2 - GISD actively seeks input from families and builds partnerships with businesses and community organizations to expand opportunities for students and staff.
Objective 4.3 - GISD is transparent with reporting progress and providing access to information in a manner that's easily understood.

Reviewing the District Improvement Plan

Needs Assessment:

- What surprises you?
- What excites you?
- What concerns you?

Goals, Objectives and Strategies:

- What questions do you have?
- What affirmations do you have?
- What suggestions do you have?

Closing Out the Meeting

- **Next Meeting:**

  December 2 @ 5:30pm

  - Calendar Development Work
  - District Improvement Plan Review