

## Grandview ISD

### District of Innovation Plan

#### Introduction

House Bill 1842, passed during the 84th Texas Legislative Session provides public school districts the opportunity to seek designation as a District of Innovation to obtain exemption from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code. On February, 2017, the Board of Trustees adopted a resolution to initiate the process of designation as a District of Innovation.

Districts of Innovation may be exempted from a number of state statutes and will have:

- greater local control as the decision makers over the educational and instructional model for students;
- increased freedom and flexibility, with accountability, relative to state mandates that govern educational programming; and
- empowerment to innovate and think differently. Districts are not exempt from statutes including curriculum, graduation requirements, and academic and financial accountability.

#### Timeline of Events

January 9, 2017	Board approval to adopt a District of Innovation Plan
February 20, 2017	Public hearing to consider developing a District of Innovation Plan  Board approval to develop a District of Innovation Plan  Board approved the District Site Based Committee to act as the District of Innovation Committee and develop the District of Innovation Plan
March 3, 2017	District of Innovation Committee meeting to develop the District of Innovation Plan
March 6, 2017	Day 1 of timeline for posting of finalized plan
April 7, 2017	Day 30 of timeline for posting finalized plan
April 10, 2017	Public hearing to discuss District of Innovation Plan
April 10, 2017	District of Innovation Plan presented to Board of Trustees for approval
April 10, 2017	Board approved plan submitted to Commissioner

## **The Innovation Plan**

### **1. District Calendar**

District Calendar Exemption from TEC §25.0811 states that a school district may not begin student instruction before the 4th Monday of August. TEC §25.0812 states that a school district may not schedule the last day of school for students for a school year before May 15.

Proposal: To best serve the students of Grandview ISD, we propose to create a school calendar which serves the needs of our local community. We propose moving the mandatory start date earlier than the fourth Monday. Waiting to start classes until the fourth Monday in August forces semesters to be significantly unequal in length, with second semester being approximately four weeks longer than the first semester. Flexibility to begin instruction earlier in August will enable our district to better balance instruction time in each semester as well as making an effort to end our first semester prior to Winter Break.

### **2. Exemptions from Future TEC Mandates**

To best serve our local Grandview ISD community, staff, and students, Grandview ISD includes a provision in our Local Innovation Plan for the District to maintain control over any future, eligible Texas Education Code mandates, which may be exempted by a two thirds majority vote of the Grandview ISD Board of Trustees.

### **Term**

The term of the District of Innovation Plan, as outlined by the Texas Education Agency, is five years; therefore, the plan shall commence with the 2017-2018 academic year and conclude at the end of the 2021-2022 school year, unless terminated or amended earlier by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the law. The DIC will continually monitor the effectiveness of the plan and recommend to the Board any suggested modifications as needed to address innovative disruptions.

**District of Innovation Committee Members:**

Joe Perrin – Admin

Kristi Rhone – Admin

Kirby Basham – HS Principal

Jeff Hudson – JH Principal

Kathrine Stewart – Elementary Principal

Daniel So – Parent

Mr. Ha – Business/Community

Cheri Humphrey- Elementary

Jill Grigar – Elementary

Theresa Clayton – Elementary

Lisa Emery -- Elementary

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Laurie Mahan – Junior High

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Tephanie Cordell – High School

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