



San Felipe Del Rio CISD District of Innovation Annual Report

Board Presentation
June 15, 2020

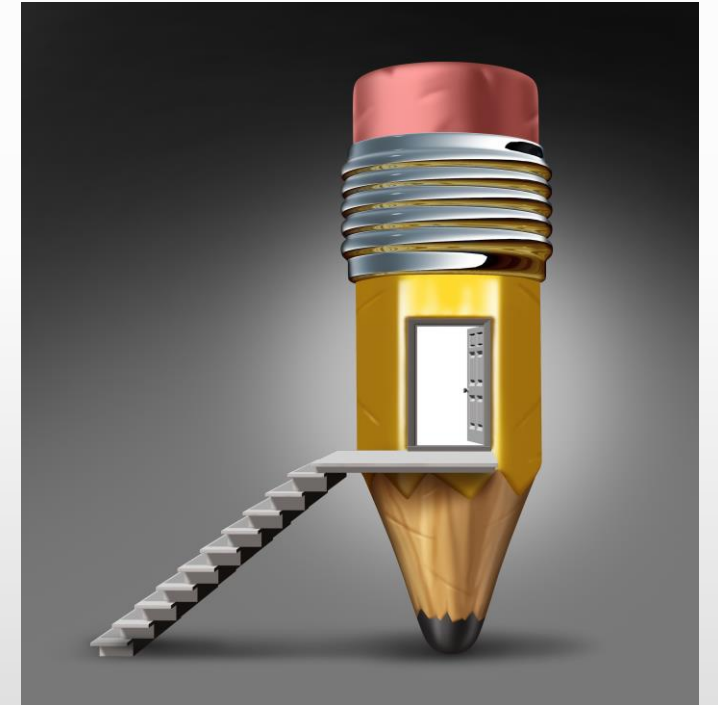




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SFDR's designation as a District of Innovation officially began on March 26, 2018. The Local Innovation Plan is a 5-year plan which remains in effect until March 26, 2023, unless it is rescinded or renewed by the Board, in accordance with law, or is terminated by the Commissioner of Education.

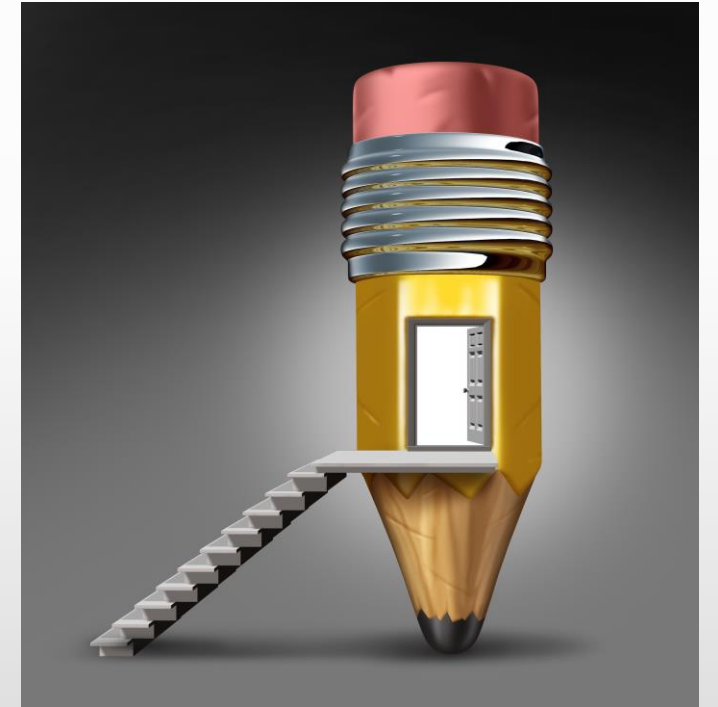
- A. The Local Innovation Plan must be reviewed annually by the DOI Committee.
- B. The Local Innovation Plan may be amended, rescinded or renewed by recommendation and a majority vote of the DOI Committee along with two-thirds majority vote of the Board.





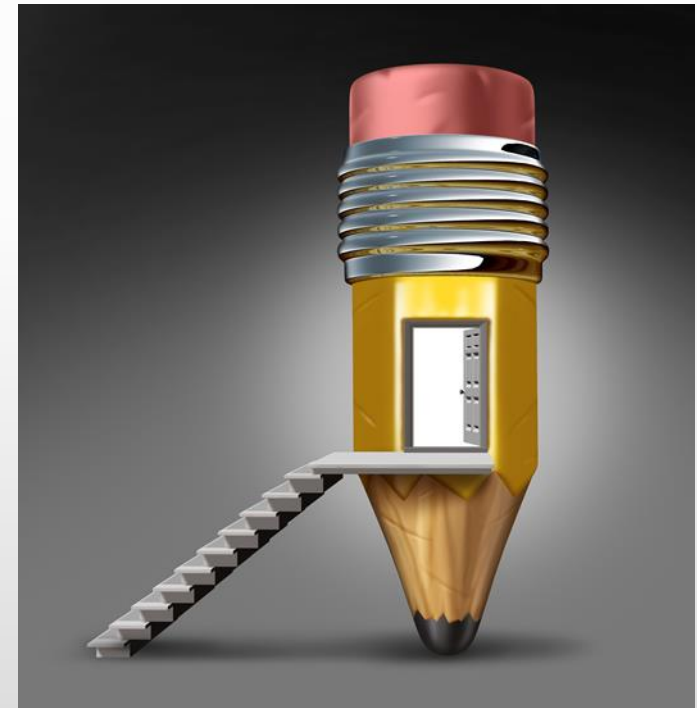
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- C. The District shall notify the Commissioner of Education of any actions taken.
- D. As part of the Annual Review process, the membership of the District of Innovation Committee will be renewed/and or modified by a majority vote of the Board.



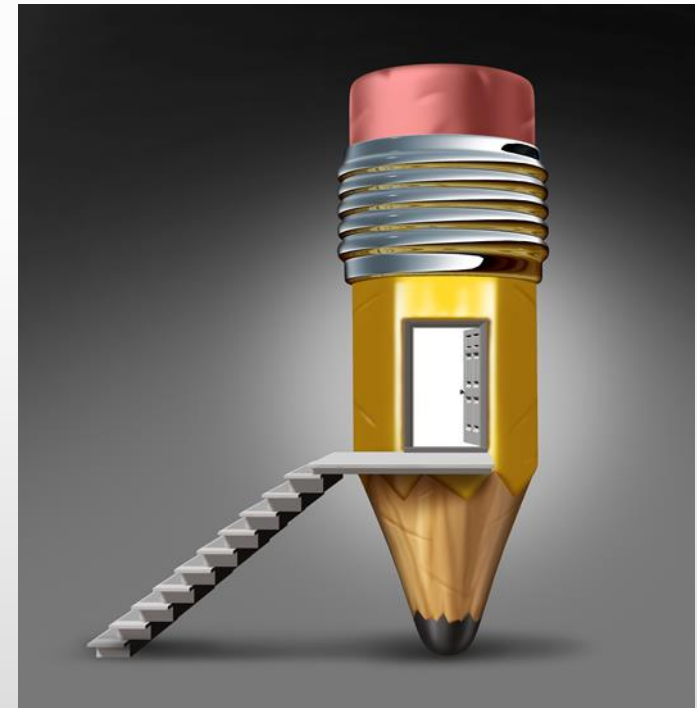
Annual Review Meeting (June 11, 2020)

- Review of the Terms of the District of Innovation Plan
 - Committee Membership
 - Key Components
- Review of the Exemptions Under Chapter 12A Texas Education Code
 - Uniform Start Date - §25.0811 First Day of Instruction
 - Educator Certification for CTE Programs - §21.003(a)



Annual Review Meeting (June 11, 2020)

- Updates to Year 2 Implementation
 - COVID-19 School Closure (Spring 2020)
 - Academic Impact (COVID-19)
 - 2020-2021 School Year Forecast (Anticipated resurgence of COVID-19)
- Goals For Proposed 2020-2021 School Calendar
 - Additional Days School Year (HB3)
 - Proposed Earlier Start Date (Change to the Uniform Start Date)





Review of the Exemptions Under Chapter 12A Texas Education Code

INNOVATION PLAN EXEMPTION 1: UNIFORM START DATE

§25.0811 FIRST DAY OF INSTRUCTION. (a) ...a school district may not begin instruction for students for a school year before the fourth Monday in August.

RATIONALE

Texas Education Code §25.0811(a) does not allow school districts to begin school before the fourth Monday of August. This requirement restricts the local community from designing a calendar that best meets the needs of students and families. This requirement limits the amount of instructional time available before local and state testing. Exemption from this requirement allows SFDR CISD to collaboratively design an academic calendar based on the needs of and input from the community.

August 2020

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Review of the Exemptions Under Chapter 12A Texas Education Code

STRATEGY

- Implement an earlier school start date, specifically on the **third** Monday in August, which would allow SFDR CISD to:

- Provide a more balanced distribution of instructional time between semesters to address coursework, test preparation, completion of the fall semester before the winter break and an opportunity for students to take advantage of summer offerings at institutions of higher education.

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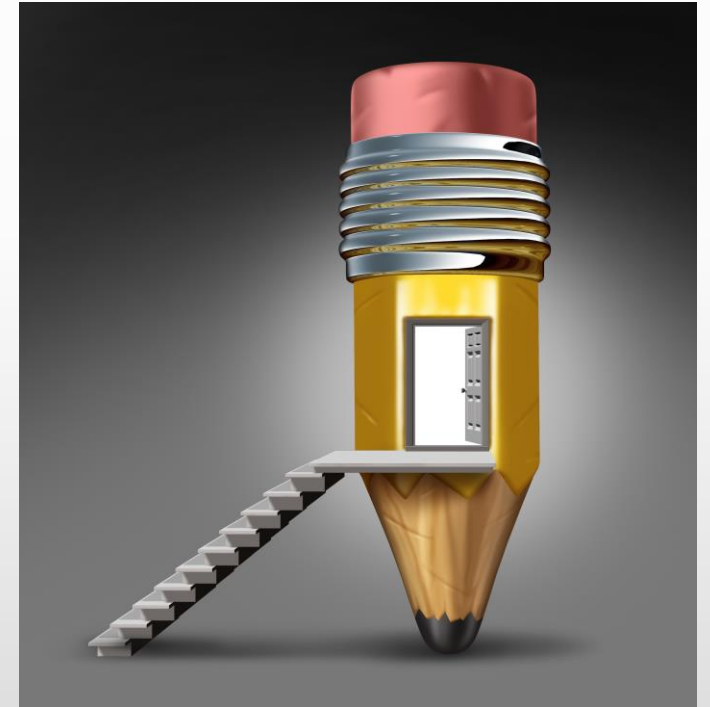


Annual Review of the District of Innovation Plan

Discussion Item

1. *One of the goals of the District is to provide for an extended winter break (15 total school days) to mitigate any resurgence of COVID-19.*
2. *In order to accomplish this goal, the calendar would require an earlier school start date – August 10, which is the start of the 2nd week in August.*
3. *Discussion and Recommendation of Committee Members. (In order for this change to occur, the District of Innovation (DOI) Committee would need to make a recommendation and approve the proposed early start date, as discussed above).*

If the DOI Committee approves an earlier start date for the 2020-2021 school year, a teacher committee will subsequently review two calendar options.



Annual Review Meeting (June 11, 2020)

Recommendation by the District of Innovation (DOI) Committee:

- Implement an earlier school start date, specifically on the second Monday in August, which would allow SFDRCSISD to:
 - Provide a more balanced distribution of instructional time between semesters to address coursework, test preparation, completion of the fall semester before the winter break, provide for an opportunity for students to take advantage of summer offerings at institutions of higher education, and provide for additional days to mitigate the resurgence of COVID-19, or other emergency-related school closures.

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Committee Vote:

- The District of Innovation Committee (DOI) approved the recommendation by a unanimous vote.

District of Innovation Advisory Committee



Committee Member:

Position:

<i>Yadira Hernandez</i>	Secondary Teacher – Del Rio Middle School
<i>Veronica Oyama</i>	Elementary Teacher – Ruben Chavira Elementary
<i>Shannalea Taylor</i>	Community Representative – The Bank & Trust
<i>Debbie Salinas</i>	Secondary Teacher – Del Rio Freshman School
<i>Mari Rodriguez</i>	Elementary Teacher – Buena Vista Elementary
<i>Charles Garabedian</i>	Community Representative – Southwest Texas Junior College
<i>Raquel Rodriguez</i>	Community Representative – Val Verde Regional Medical Center
<i>Lori Esparza</i>	Secondary Teacher – Del Rio Middle School
<i>Jonna Dewitt</i>	Elementary Teacher- Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary
<i>Brenda Campos</i>	Elementary Teacher – North Heights Elementary
<i>Chris Kuechmann</i>	Community Representative – Retired Librarian Val Verde Co.
<i>Stacy-Anne Gallegos</i>	Secondary Teacher – Del Rio Middle School
<i>Melinda Brijalba</i>	Elementary Teacher – Irene Cardwell Elementary
<i>Lupe Buenrostro</i>	Community/Parent Representative
<i>Eloisa Jimenez</i>	Secondary Teacher – San Felipe Memorial Middle School
<i>Cindy Martinez</i>	Elementary Teacher – Ruben Chavira Elementary
<i>David Velky</i>	Secondary Teacher – San Felipe Memorial Middle School



One person was absent from this meeting, and two persons are no longer able to fulfill the duties of the DOI Committee.

Questions?

