



# District of Innovation:

## Introducing A Concept for Change

Overview Presentation for  
Public Hearing  
December 18, 2017

San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated  
Independent School District





# Governance



- The District of Innovation concept was passed into law by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, which created Texas Education Code chapter 12A.
- The law allows traditional independent school districts to access most of 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 Texas Education Code chapter 12A and Texas Education Agency (TEA) rules.

# District of Innovation for SFDRCISD



HB 1842 provides San Felipe Del Rio CISD with the opportunity to design a comprehensive education plan according to the needs and resources of our district, while maximizing local control.





# Eligibility for District of Innovation



To be eligible for designation as a District of Innovation, a school district's most recent academic performance rating must be at least acceptable.



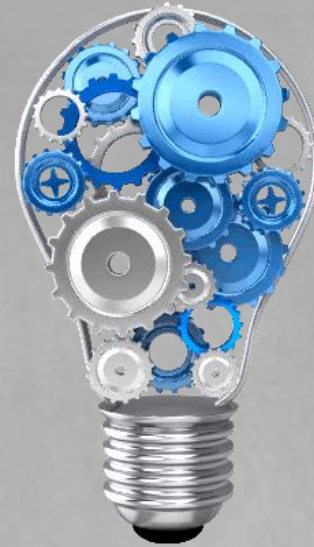
San Felipe Del Rio CISD received a rating of "Met Standard" on the Texas Education Agency 2017 Accountability System.

# Benefits

## 1. Customization.

Districts can develop district of innovation plans which:

- ✓ *Exercise greater local control over decisions impacting instructional models for students;*
- ✓ *Leads to increased flexibility with regards to state accountability and mandates; and,*
- ✓ *Allows school districts to develop innovative approaches to teaching and learning.*



# Benefits

## 2. Autonomy.

Districts must submit a District of Innovation plan to the commissioner of education, but approval is not required.

## 3. Customization.

Districts have the flexibility to implement practices similar to charter schools by seeking allowable exemptions:





# Allowable Exemptions may include:



- Uniform School Start Date
- Minimum Minutes Of Instruction
- 90% Attendance Rule
- Student Discipline Provisions (With Key Exceptions)
- Teacher Certification (Except As Required By Federal Law)

# Prohibited Exemptions include (but not limited to:



- Elected Boards of Trustees
- Powers and Duties of School Boards, Superintendents, and Principals
- PEIMS –Public Education Information Management System
- Criminal History Checks and Educator Misconduct Reporting
- Curriculum and Graduation Requirements
- Bilingual Education
- Special Education
- Prekindergarten



# Which exemption is SFDRCSID considering?

*First day of instruction (TEC 25.0811)*

San Felipe Del Rio CISD seeks to create a more localized calendar with exemptions from one aspect of the law, the school start date (TEC 25.0811).

AUGUST 2017						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

MAY 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2





## San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District

### District of Innovation Timeline

---

DATE	ACTION
NOVEMBER 13, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>San Felipe Del Rio CISD Board adopts a Resolution in support of the District Of Innovation proposal.</li></ul>
DECEMBER 18, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>San Felipe Del Rio CISD conducts a Public Hearing to consider developing a DOI plan under House Bill 1842.</li><li>San Felipe Del Rio CISD Board approves and appoints the SFDR CISD District of Innovation Advisory Committee.</li></ul>
JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>San Felipe Del Rio CISD District of Innovation Advisory Committee meets to determine exemptions from statutes; and prepares the 2018-2022 SFDR CISD District of Innovation Plan.</li></ul>





## San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District

### District of Innovation Timeline

---

DATE	ACTION
FEBRUARY, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• San Felipe Del Rio CISD District of Innovation Advisory Committee completes the final version of the 2018 – 2022 SFDRCISD District of Innovation Plan.</li><li>• The proposed plan is posted on the San Felipe Del Rio CISD website: <a href="http://www.sfdr-cisd.org">www.sfdr-cisd.org</a> for 30 days.</li><li>• Letter is sent to the Texas Education Commissioner with date of resolution stating the San Felipe Del Rio CISD Board's intent to vote on the Innovation Plan</li></ul>



## San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District

### District of Innovation Timeline

---

DATE	ACTION
MARCH, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• San Felipe Del Rio CISD District of Innovation Advisory Committee conducts a Public Meeting to consider and approve the final version of the 2018 – 2022 San Felipe Del Rio CISD District of Innovation Plan.</li><li>• San Felipe Del Rio CISD Board approves the 2018 – 2022 San Felipe Del Rio CISD District of Innovation Plan with 2/3 majority vote.</li></ul>
MARCH, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• San Felipe Del Rio CISD notifies the Commissioner after adoption</li></ul>
MARCH/APRIL, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• San Felipe Del Rio CISD updates policy changes with TASB.</li></ul>



# Public Comments?

# District of Innovation:

Introducing A Concept for Change

San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated  
Independent School District



School Board Presentation  
Public Hearing  
December 18, 2017

