

Resolution

RESOLUTION TO INITIATE THE PROCESS OF EXPLORING THE OPTION OF DESIGNATING BASTROP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A DISTRICT OF INNOVATION

Whereas, the 84th Legislature passed House Bill 1842 which provides Texas public school districts the opportunity to be designated as Districts of Innovation; and

Whereas, Texas school districts designated as a District of Innovation may be exempted from a number of state laws which affords traditional public schools with many of the same freedoms that apply to open-enrollment schools; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees believes that decisions affecting the students of Bastrop ISD are best made at the local level by those who know our students, district, and community best; and

Whereas, the Bastrop ISD Board of Trustees has adopted a strategic plan that supports innovation; and

Whereas, HB 1842 requires districts seeking to be designated as a District of Innovation to develop a local innovation plan that allows for increased freedom and flexibility from certain state mandates; and

Whereas, the Bastrop ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing and receive feedback from stakeholders to consider the development of a local innovation plan; following the public hearing, the Board may decline to pursue the designation or may appoint a committee to develop a plan in accordance with chapter 12A of the Texas Education Code;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Bastrop Independent School District Board of Trustees initiates the process of exploring and considering the option of designating BISD as a District of Innovation under HB 1842.

Witness these signature on this 21st day of February, two thousand and seventeen.

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