

Local Innovation Committee Meeting

Bastrop Independent District

March 23, 2017

Local Innovation Committee Agenda

- I. Welcome and Introduction of members
- II. Review House Bill 1842 “District of Innovation”
- III. Purpose and charge of the Local Innovation Committee
- IV. Review timeline
- V. Group activity and process for Local Innovation Committee
- VI. Next Steps and Adjourn

Review House Bill 1842 “District of Innovation”

- ▶ During the 84th Legislative Session, House Bill 1842 (also known as the “Districts of Innovation” bill) was passed by the Legislature, giving traditional independent schools most of the flexibilities available to the state’s open enrollment charter schools.
- ▶ An innovation plan allows a district to exempt themselves from many of the Texas Education Code (TEC) requirements, thus gaining greater local control.
- ▶ To be eligible for this designation, a district must have “Met Standard” on the state’s accountability system.
- ▶ The developed innovation plan is expected to be unique to each school district, allowing for local values, needs, and goals to be incorporated into the plan.

Process and charge of the Local Innovation Committee

- ▶ Process began with discussion and consideration with stakeholders such as Board of Trustees, Teacher Organizations, Administration and the District Performance committee.
- ▶ Board of Trustees took action on a resolution to initiate process of exploring the option of designating Bastrop ISD as a District of Innovation.
- ▶ Board conducted a public hearing to consider developing an innovation plan and within 30 days of the public hearing Board formally decided to pursue or the opportunity.

Process and charge of the Local Innovation Committee

- ▶ Board appointed committee develops a local innovation plan in accordance with Education Code.
 - ▶ Review Education Code that may inhibit strategic action plan (what?)
 - ▶ Identify exemptions and current requirements (how?)
 - ▶ Articulate committee/district rationale for exemption (when?)
- ▶ Local Innovation Committee approves prepared draft of innovation
 - ▶ Post draft innovation plan for 30 days
 - ▶ Board of Trustees notifies Commissioner of intent to adopt innovation plan

Process and charge of the Local Innovation Committee

- ▶ Local Innovation Committee hosts public meeting to consider the final version of the innovation Plan
 - ▶ Local Innovation Committee approves plan by majority vote
 - ▶ Board of Trustees approves the proposed innovation plan by two-thirds vote
 - ▶ Notification to commissioner of approval of plan
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- ▶ The plan is in effect for a term of five years. The District Innovation Plan may be amended, rescinded, or renewed only by a majority vote of the Local Innovation Committee and the Board of Trustees in the same manner required for initial adoption.

Implementation timeline

- ▶ January 10, 2017 - Meeting with the Teacher Organization.
- ▶ January 12, 2017 - Presented information to the Board of Trustees.
- ▶ February 2, 2017 - Meeting with the District's Leadership Team.
- ▶ February 9, 2017 - Meeting with the District Performance Committee (DPC).
- ▶ February 15, 2017 - Second mtg. with the Teacher Organization Committee.
- ▶ February 21, 2017 - Bastrop Board of Trustees considers Adoption of a Resolution.
- ▶ February 21, 2017 - Bastrop Board of Trustees holds a Public Hearing.
- ▶ February 21, 2017 - Bastrop Board of Trustees appoints the innovation committee to develop the local innovation plan.
- ▶ March 7, 2017, 2017 - Third mtg. with the Teacher Organization Committee

Implementation timeline

- ▶ **February - April** Development of innovation plan by Board appointed committee.
- ▶ **March 23, 2017** Local Innovation Committee meeting to review its charge, HB 1842, timeline and the process.
- ▶ **March 30, 2017** Local Innovation Committee meeting to identify exemptions, strategic action plan, and establish plan of innovation.
- ▶ **April 6, 2017** Local Innovation Committee approves prepared draft of innovation
 - ▶ Post draft innovation plan for 30 days
 - ▶ Board of Trustees notifies Commissioner of intent to adopt innovation plan
- ▶ **May 11, 2017** Local Innovation Committee hosts public meeting to consider the final version of the innovation plan and votes on innovation plan.
- ▶ **May 16, 2017** Board of Trustees will vote on the adoption of the innovation plan.
- ▶ **May 17, 2017** Notification to Commissioner of approval of plan.

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Group Work and Activity

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- ▶ **Next Steps:**
 - ▶ **Homework**
 - ▶ Review and utilize information on District website
 - ▶ Formulate ideas to be considered in proposed Innovation Plan
 - ▶ **Next meeting Local Innovation Committee meeting**
 - ▶ Thursday, March 30, 2016
- ▶ **Thank You / Adjourn**