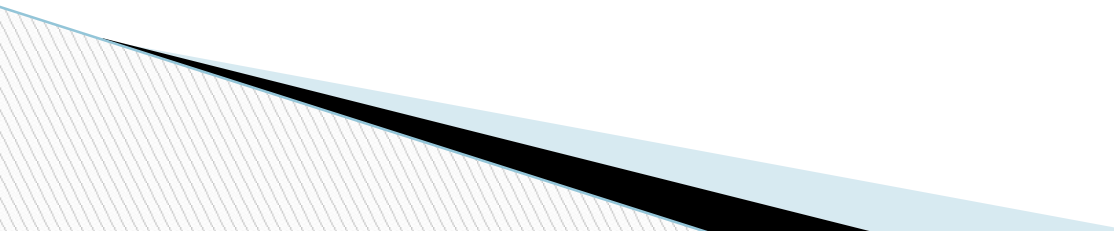# District of Innovation

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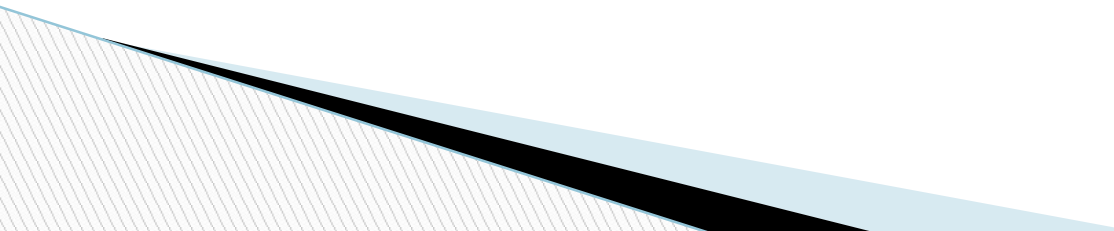December 15, 2016

Objectives of the Presentation

➢ To define the District of Innovation Concept

➢ To explain Opt-Out Options

➢ To present an overview of the Role of the Advisory Committee

➢ To explain the Role of the Plan Development Committee

Definition

A District of Innovation is a concept passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, effective immediately, that gives traditional independent school districts 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 the Texas Education Code Chapter 12A
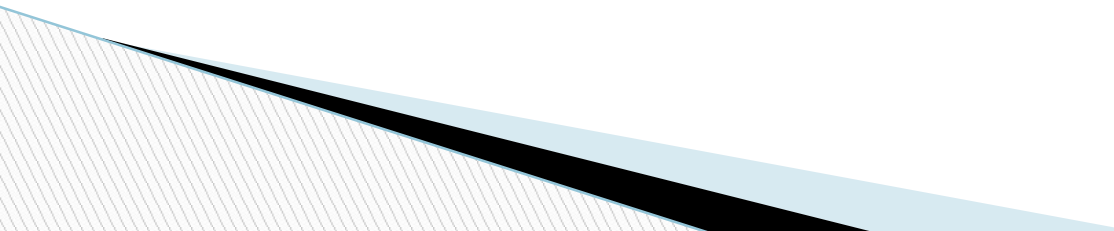
Exploration Committee

➤ Dr. Jose Parra

➤ Dr. Adam Grinage

➤ Ms. Magda Hernandez

➤ Dr. Jackie Gorena

➤ Dr. Laina McDonald

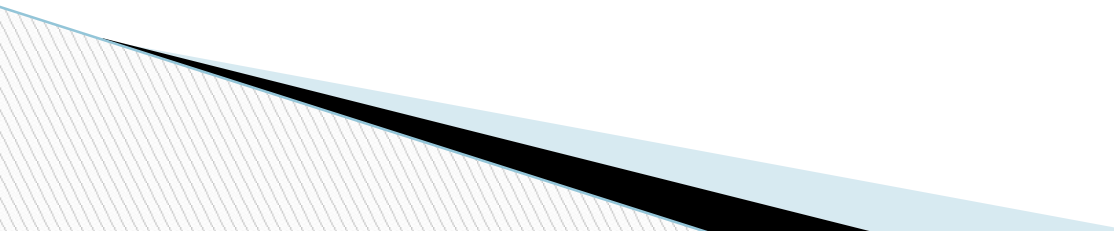# District of Innovation Flow Chart
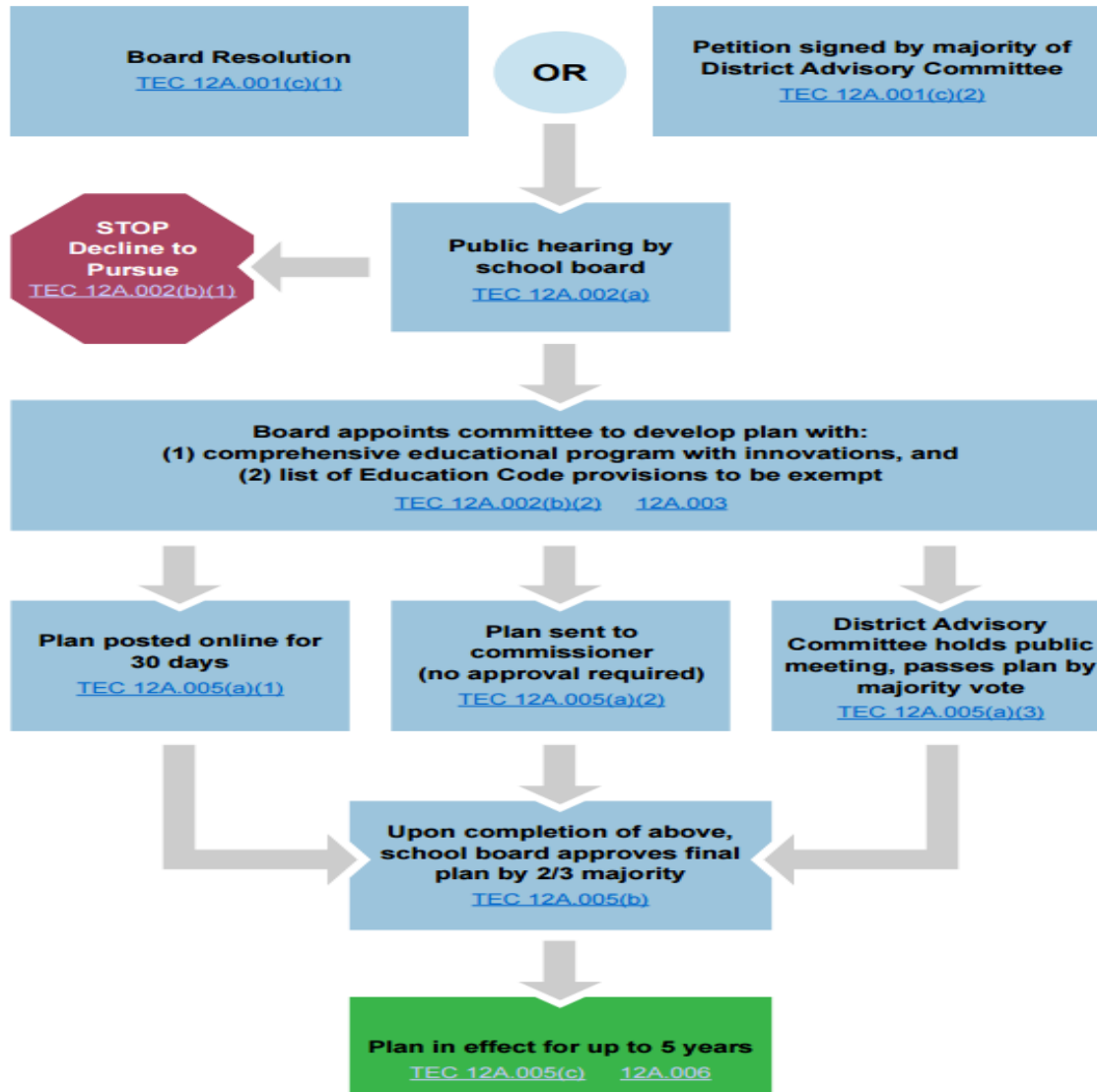
Possible Opt-Out Options

➢Uniform School Start Date

➢Minimum Minutes of Instruction;

➢Class Size Ratio;

➢The 90 Percent Attendance Rule (compulsory attendance still applies);

➢Student-Discipline Provisions (with some key provisions);

➢Teacher Certification (except required by federal law);

➢Teacher Contracts;

➢Teacher Benefits;

➢Teacher Appraisal System.

Cannot Opt-Out

- Election of Board of Trustees
- Powers and duties of Board, Superintendent or Principal
- PEIMS
- Criminal History or Nepotism
- Curricular or Graduation Requirements
- Bilingual or Special Education requirements

- Prekindergarten Guidelines
- Academic Accountability
- Financial Accountability
- Open Meeting Act
- Purchasing under Government Code of conflicts of interest
- Any other State or Federal Law outside the bounds of the Texas Education Agency
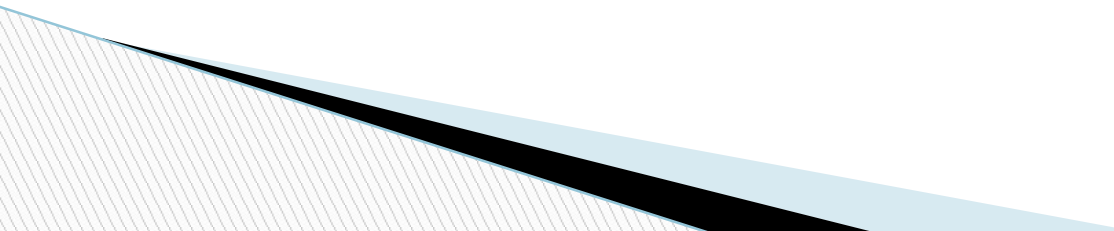
Local Control

Opt-Out options once approved, are written into Local Policy to fit the needs of Irving ISD

Role of the Advisory Committee
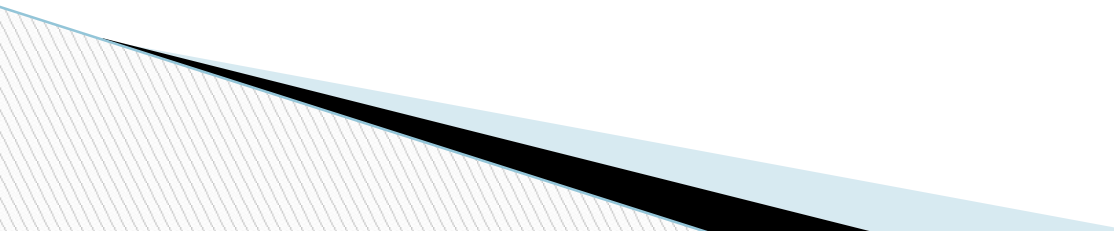
If a resolution is approved by the Board to pursue the option of becoming a District of Innovation an advisory committee will be approved by the Board and the Superintendent.
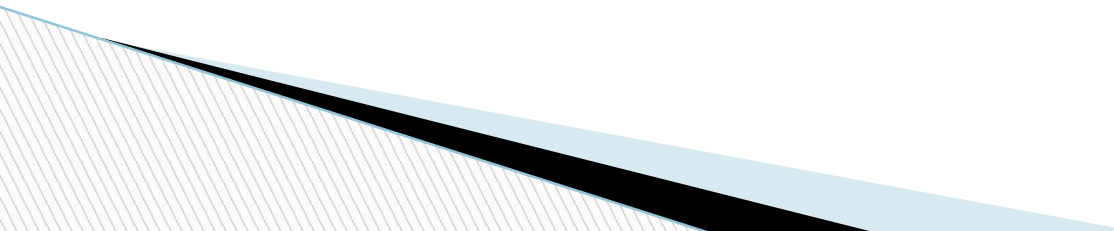
The committee will:
- ➢ Represent and support the interests of all IISD stakeholders;
- ➢ Explore all the possible exemptions;
- ➢ Host a public meeting about the proposed Innovation Plan and answer questions from the community;
- ➢ Approve the District Innovation Plan for submittal to the Board of Trustees.

Plan Development Committee

The Academic Services Leadership members will compile the recommendations from the District Advisory Committee, and pair the recommendation with the needs of the district to create the IISD District of Innovation.

District of Innovation Plan

➢Plan is approved for five years

➢Plan can be adjusted to meet the needs of the district if needed

➢Adjustments must be approved by the District Improvement Committee who acts in place of the Advisory Committee once the plan is approved

Examples of Options

Current	DOI Option
Minimum Minutes of Instruction Requires 75,600 minutes which is impossible for ½ day PK to meet the 37,800 minute requirement	Opt out of this requirement so we do not have to lengthen the instructional day for PK
Career and Technology Teacher Certifications are required for all CTE teachers	Opt out of this requirement so that Industry Certified teachers may be hired to fill high need CTE positions
Dual Credit teachers are required to be certified with TEA and credentialed in accordance with the College requirements	Opt out of this certification requirement so that our Dual Credit teachers may be hired with College Credentials only

Next Step:

Board Resolution
TEC 12A.001(c)(1)

OR

Petition signed by majority of District Advisory Committee
TEC 12A.001(c)(2)

STOP
Decline to Pursue
TEC 12A.002(b)(1)

Public hearing by school board
TEC 12A.002(a)

Board appoints committee to develop plan with:
(1) comprehensive educational program with innovations, and
(2) list of Education Code provisions to be exempt
TEC 12A.002(b)(2)   12A.003

Plan posted online for 30 days
TEC 12A.005(a)(1)

Plan sent to commissioner (no approval required)
TEC 12A.005(a)(2)

District Advisory Committee holds public meeting, passes plan by majority vote
TEC 12A.005(a)(3)

Upon completion of above, school board approves final plan by 2/3 majority
TEC 12A.005(b)

Plan in effect for up to 5 years
TEC 12A.005(c)   12A.006

House Bill 1842 - District of Innovation Process

Timeline

Date	Activity	Time/Location*	Open to Public
12-05-16	Presentation to Board of Trustees on District of Innovation Concept	6:30 – 8:00 PM	YES
12-06-16	Presentation to District Improvement Committee^ on District of Innovation Concept	6:00 – 8:00 PM	NO
12-12-16	Board of Trustees Votes on Resolution to Consider District of Innovation & Public Hearing	7:00 – 8:30 PM	YES
12-12-16	Public Hearing Held to Receive Parent, Community and Other Stakeholder Input	7:00 – 8:30 PM	YES
12-13-16	Presentation to District Administrators and Campus on District of Innovation Concept	8:30 – 10:30 AM	NO
12-15-16	Presentation to Superintendent's Solutions Council** on District of Innovation Concept	6:30 – 8:00 PM	NO
01-23-17	Board of Trustees and Superintendent Appoint District Advisory Committee	7:00 – 8:30 PM	YES
02-02-17	District Advisory Committee Meeting: Overview of District of Innovation Process	6:00 – 7:30 PM	NO
02-23-17	District Advisory Committee Meeting: Exemption Recommendations	6:00 – 7:30 PM	NO
02-24-17	Plan Development Committee (Leadership) – District of Innovation Plan Development	2:00 – 4:00 PM	NO
03-02-17	District of Innovation Committee Public Meeting	6:00 – 7:00 PM	YES
03-02-17	Public Posting (30 days) of Proposed District of Innovation Plan	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
03-02-17	Letter to Commissioner of Education Informing of District's Intent to Seek Designation	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
04-06-17	District Advisory Committee Vote (via email)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
04-24-17	Board of Trustees Action: Vote on Proposed District of Innovation Plan	7:00 – 8:30 PM	YES
04-25-17	Submission of Letter to Commissioner of Education Informing of Designation (if approved)	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

*All meetings will take place at the Irving ISD Administration Building, 2621 W. Airport Freeway, Irving, TX 75062.

^The District Improvement Committee is a standing committee comprised of Board-appointed parents, community and business leaders as well as staff-voted teachers, counselors and other district employees.

**The Superintendent's Solutions Council is a standing committee comprised of the Teachers of the Year for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years from each school.

Questions?