

Pilot Point ISD
Draft District of Innovation Plan

District of Innovation:

I. INTRODUCTION

House Bill (HB) 1842 passed during the 84th Legislative Session, permits Texas public school districts to become Districts of Innovation and to obtain exemption from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code. On March 8, 2017, Pilot Point independent School District's board of Trustees passed a Resolution to adopt a District of Innovation Plan to increase local control over District operations and to support innovation and local initiatives. The adoption of this plan seeks to increase the District's flexibility in order to improve educational outcomes for the benefit of students and the community.

II. TERM

The term of the Plan is for no more than five years, beginning August 21, 2017 and ending August 21, 2022, unless terminated or amended earlier by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the law. If, within the term of this Plan, other areas of operations are to be considered for flexibility as part of HB1842, the Board will nominate a new committee to consider and propose additional exemptions in the form of an amendment. Any amendment adopted by the Board will adhere to the same term as the original plan. The District may not implement two separate plans at any one time.

III. INNOVATIONS

A. Uniform School Calendar

Applicable Provisions from the Texas Education Code: TEC 25.0811 and TEC 25.0812

Policies that may be affected: EB (LEGAL) and EB (LOCAL)

TEC 25.0811 states that a school district may not begin instruction before the fourth Monday in August. TEC Section 25.0812 states that a school district may not schedule the last day of school before May 15.

Local control of the instructional calendar affords the District the following advantages:

- Elimination of imbalanced 6 weeks and semester schedules while still ending the first semester prior to the holiday break.
- Alignment of calendar with North Central Texas College, Advanced Placement Exams, and STAAR/EOC exams
- Ensure hour/seat time requirements are met for Certification courses
- Give one more week of instructional time to students before STAAR/EOC exams.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

This Innovation Plan is designed to create parameters within which the District will operate, in order to provide additional student opportunities. Specific implementation plans will be developed by the

appropriate campuses and departments. Adjustments to Board Policy will be researched and adopted where appropriate.