

District of Innovation Timeline

Summer of 2015

1. The 84th Texas Legislature passed HB 1842 which made it possible for public school districts in Texas to become Districts of Innovation. This title allows the public school to operate under similar rules as those governing Charter Schools by exempting the school from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code.

October 5 (and November 2)

1. District Improvement Team information session/discussion on the DOI possibility.

October 31, 2016 (and January 2, 2017)

1. As many as 14 staff members met as a “visioning committee” to discuss core beliefs and a vision for the Forsan ISD in the future.

November 7, 2016

1. Superintendent attended the Mansfield ISD District of Innovation Institute in Mansfield, TX.

November 13, 2016

1. Superintendent reached out to TASB Policy Service for information on the DOI impact on Board policy.

December 6 (and December 14), 2016

1. Texas Association of School Boards’ training on the DOI process/rules.

December 12, 2016

1. **Board Adopted DOI Resolution** starting the official discovery/planning phases
2. Board held a **Public Hearing** on the District of Innovation
3. **Creation of the DOI committee by the Board.** They appointed the already active District Educational Improvement Committee plus the Athletic Director to serve as the committee. This group includes 6 members of the community and a similar number of faculty)

December 13, 2016

1. Elementary faculty meeting explaining what a DOI is, who was on the DOI committee, potential topics/areas to be addressed, asking for input.

January 18, 25, February 15, 2017

1. District Educational Improvement Committee and/or District of Innovation Committee meetings.

February 21, 2017

1. Elementary staff meeting concerning the DOI process, Q & A time.

February 28, 2017

1. Secondary staff meeting concerning the DOI process, Q & A time.

April 19, 2017

1. DOI staff members met to discuss DOI potential plan. Agreed to move forward with 6 exemptions and marked one off the list. Further study required on Teacher Appraisal and Length of school day items.

May 3, 2017

- 1. District Of Innovation Committee held public meeting, majority votes to pass DOI Plan.*

May 5, 2017

- 1. Plan posted online for 30+ days. TEA notified of posting. (TEA states they did not receive this notification.)*

June 12, 2017

- 1. FISD school board approved the final plan by at least a 2/3 majority. (unanimous vote to approve)*

June 20, 2017

- 1. DOI Plan sent to the commissioner.*

June 21, 2017

- 1. TEA was notified via email of the July board re-vote in order to comply with their notification rules.*

July 10, 2017

- 1. FISD school board approved the final plan by at least a 2/3 majority. (unanimous vote to approve)*

District of Innovation Committee

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