

**RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER RENEWAL OF
DESIGNATION AS A DISTRICT OF INNOVATION**

WHEREAS Chapter 12A of the Texas Education Code provides Texas public school districts the opportunity to be designated as Districts of Innovation.

WHEREAS Texas Education Code 12A.001 provides that a district is eligible for designation as a district of innovation if the district's most recent performance rating under Section 39.054 reflects at least acceptable performance, and that consideration of designation as a district of innovation may be initiated by a resolution adopted by the board of trustees of the district.

WHEREAS the El Paso Independent School District's most recent performance rating under Education Code 39.054 reflects at least acceptable performance.

WHEREAS El Paso Independent School District first achieved its designation as a District of Innovation after adopting a Local Innovation Plan at its May 17, 2016 meeting of the Board of Trustees. The District gave Notice of that adoption to the Commissioner of Education on May 20, 2016.

WHEREAS Chapter 12A of the Texas Education Code requires districts seeking renew their designation as Districts of Innovation by developing a Local Innovation Plan providing for a comprehensive educational program and identifying the requirements imposed by the Texas Education Code that inhibit the goals of the Local Innovation Plan.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees does not desire the District to be exempted from any existing laws relating to teacher contracts or teacher benefits, except to the extent that the Texas Education Code 22.004 (i) precludes the District from providing alternative group health coverage available to its employees under this section after the date on which the program of coverages provided under Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, is implemented "program" (TRS ActiveCare) established by 1579 of the Insurance Code.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees believes that any Local Innovation Plan, if ultimately adopted, should be developed in collaboration with the community and District stakeholders.

WHEREAS before considering the creation of a Local Innovation Plan, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to receive feedback from the community and District stakeholders.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of El Paso Independent School District by adoption of this Resolution initiates the process under Texas Education Code Chapter 12A to renew its designation as a District of Innovation.

Adopted this 9th day of December 2020, by the Board of Trustees.

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Date: December 8, 2020

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Date: 12/10/2020

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