



**El Paso
Independent
School District**

MEETING DATE: 5/17/16
 AGENDA ITEM NO.: _____
 DEIC Approval: _____
 Leadership Team Approval: _____

**Board of Trustees
Executive Summary of Board Agenda Item**

Subject/Title for Agenda Posting: Discuss and Take Appropriate Action to Adopt Local Innovation Plan to Achieve Designation as a District of Innovation

Justification Statement: To adopt the Local Innovation Plan, as required by Texas Education Code Chapter 12A, in order to obtain designation as a district of innovation

Purpose of Agenda Item: Action Information Discussion Public Relations

To be held in: Open Session Closed Session
 Agenda Format: Regular Agenda Consent Agenda

Authority for Action: Legal/Local Policy Law or Rule Other

Staff Responsible: Cezy Collins, General Counsel

Signature of Approval

Presenter(s)

General Counsel

Title

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN OBJECTIVE, GOAL OR NEED ADDRESSED: Improve community and stakeholder engagement and satisfaction.

SUMMARY: The Board will discuss and take appropriate action regarding the final Local Innovation Plan ("Plan") drafted and proposed by the Local Innovation Committee ("Committee") appointed by the Board in accordance with Texas Education Chapter 12A, legislation passed during the 84th Legislative Session permitting Texas public school districts to become districts of innovation and obtain exemption from certain provisions of the Texas Education Code.

On December 15, 2015, the Board passed a Resolution to Initiate the Process of Designation as a District of Innovation in order to increase local control over District operations and to support innovation and local initiatives to improve educational outcomes for the benefit of students and the community. On January 19, 2016, the Board and Superintendent appointed a twenty-one member Local Innovation Committee comprised of diverse leaders representing a cross-section of the District's various stakeholders, including teachers, principals, parents, community members, and administrators. The Committee met on February 4, 11, 18, 23, and March 3, 2016, to discuss and draft a proposed Plan. On March 15, 2016, the Board voted to notify the Commissioner of Education of its intention to vote on the proposed Plan. Based on feedback about the proposed Plan from TEA, the Committee revised the Plan to make changes to certain Texas Education Code Sections from which the District seeks exemption in order to achieve the goals of the Plan. The revised final Plan was posted on the District's internet website on April 15, 2016. On April 19, 2016, the Board voted to notify the Commissioner of Education of its intention to vote on the adoption of the final Plan, and the Commissioner was notified accordingly.

The Districtwide Educational Improvement Council (DEIC) is scheduled to hold a public meeting to discuss and vote on the final Plan on May 5, 2016. If the DEIC approves the final plan by a majority vote, the administration will recommend that the Board adopt the final Plan on May 17, 2016. In order to achieve designation as a district of innovation, the Board must adopt the Plan by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: To adopt the final Local Innovation Plan, as recommended, to achieve designation as a district of innovation.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A ACCOUNT NO(S): N/A

FISCAL IMPACT AND COST:
 Immediate: N/A
 Future/Ongoing: N/A

IMPACT ON OTHER FUNCTIONS/OPERATIONS: N/A
 CONSEQUENCES OF NONAPPROVAL: N/A

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE: Upon approval.

COMMENTS RECEIVED, IF ANY: N/A

Background Materials: Included in Packet

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