




MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Tim Harkrider 

From: Sara Goolsby, Chief of Staff and School Leadership

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Agenda Item: J-2.

BACKGROUND

Districts of Innovation are governed by Texas Education Code Chapter 12A.

The College Station ISD District of Innovation Plan allows CSISD to exempt itself from certain provisions in the Texas Education Code that will inhibit the District's ability to meet its goals. The DOI Plan benefits our schools by providing flexibility to adapt our strategies and address specific needs with a greater level of local autonomy. The Board is being asked to consider and approve proposed amendments to the existing DOI Plan based on new legal requirements from the 89th regular legislative session.

The DOI amendment process allows school districts to modify their existing innovation plans by adding or removing exemptions to the Texas Education Code without restarting the entire DOI process from the beginning. Amendments must remain in alignment with the original DOI Plan's goals. Should the Board approve the recommended amendments, the Administration is required to notify the Commissioner of Education of the amendments and will post the amended plan on the CSISD website.

Specifically, CSISD Administration is proposing new exemptions related to TEA interpretive guidance surrounding inter-district transfers as well as exemptions to the new statutory grievance process for parent complaints imposed by SB 12.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees approve a recommendation to approve the amendments to the District of Innovation Plan.