



INNOVATION DISTRICTS

WEST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2017



WELCOME

- **“GOOD THINGS”**
- **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- **MEETING NORMS**
 - **PUBLIC MEETING, INFORMATION FOLDERS, RESTROOMS, ATTENDANCE, PHONES, COMMUNICATION, MUTUAL RESPECT**
 - **“WITH CHILDREN AS OUR FIRST PRIORITY...”**
- **WHAT STARTED THIS JOURNEY?**



INNOVATION DISTRICTS: OVERVIEW

- **WHAT IS A TEA INNOVATION DISTRICT?**
- **IS WEST ISD ELIGIBLE?**
- **HOW DOES WEST ISD BECOME AN INNOVATION DISTRICT?**
- **WHAT FLEXIBILITIES ARE AVAILABLE?**
- **WHAT DOES DAVID TRUITT, SUPERINTENDENT, THINK ABOUT THIS WORK?**
- **WHAT'S NEXT?**

WHAT IS A TEA INNOVATION DISTRICT?

- **A DISTRICT OF INNOVATION, OR DOI, IS A CONCEPT PASSED BY THE 84TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN HOUSE BILL 1842, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THAT GIVES TRADITIONAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS MOST OF THE FLEXIBILITIES AVAILABLE TO TEXAS' OPEN ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS.**
- **TO ACCESS THESE FLEXIBILITIES, A SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST ADOPT AN INNOVATION PLAN, AS SET FORTH IN TEXAS EDUCATION CODE CHAPTER 12A. THE PLAN MAY LAST FOR FIVE YEARS.**

IS WEST ISD ELIGIBLE?

- **YES, THE WEST ISD STATE ACADEMIC ACCOUNTABILITY RATING IS... MET STANDARD.**
- **YES, WE ARE WILLING TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS.**

HOW DOES WEST ISD BECOME AN INNOVATION DISTRICT?

- **RESEARCH AND DISCUSSION**
- **RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
- **PUBLIC HEARING**
- **APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO PURSUE THE OPPORTUNITY (WORK THROUGH THE PROCESS)**
- **FORMATION OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

WHAT FLEXIBILITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

- **INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS, AND PROVISIONS REGARDING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, CAMPUS GOVERNANCE, AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT;**
 - **MODIFICATIONS TO THE SCHOOL DAY OR YEAR;**
 - **PROVISIONS REGARDING THE DISTRICT BUDGET AND SUSTAINABLE PROGRAM FUNDING;**
 - **ACCOUNTABILITY AND ASSESSMENT MEASURES THAT EXCEED THE REQUIREMENTS OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAW; AND**
 - **ANY OTHER INNOVATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND**
- **IDENTIFIES REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THIS CODE THAT INHIBIT THE GOALS OF THE PLAN AND FROM WHICH THE DISTRICT SHOULD BE EXEMPTED ON ADOPTION OF THE PLAN.**

WHAT DOES DAVID TRUITT THINK?

- **JOURNEY (SO FAR) DRIVEN BY THE 2017-2018 CALENDAR**
- **THIS IS NOT MY DEFINITION OF “INNOVATION”; BAD PRESS SO FAR**
- **TIMELINE SPECIFIC**
- **TRANSPARENCY AND TRUST IN THE WORK**
 - **STAFF MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY FORUMS; WEBSITE AND SCHOOL MESSENGERS**
- **OPEN TO WHAT OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE DONE; SPECIFICALLY IF IT IS GOOD FOR OUR KIDS**

WHAT'S NEXT?

- **MEET AND CRAFT A PLAN (HAVE TEA AND OUR ATTORNEY REVIEW IT)**
- **POST ON DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS: KEY DATE... MAY 10, 2017**
- **NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION**
- **PUBLIC HEARING**
- **BOARD APPROVAL AND UPDATE POLICY**
- **IMPLEMENT THE PLAN WITH FIDELITY**
- **COMMUNICATION**

NEXT MEETING

- **MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017, AT 6:30 PM AT WEST MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL**
- **PRESENTATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING GUIDING QUESTIONS:**
 - **WHAT PROBLEM IS OUR PLAN ADDRESSING?**
 - **WHAT PROGRAM ARE WE TRYING TO IMPLEMENT?**
 - **WHAT AREA OF NEED CAN BE ADDRESSED BY THIS FLEXIBILITY?**
 - **WHAT ARE OTHER DISTRICTS ACROSS TEXAS DOING?**
- **HOMEWORK: REVIEW PLANS FROM ACROSS TEXAS**
- **FEEL FREE TO CALL OR COME BY AND SEE ME**