

EAST BERNARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Courtney Hudgins
Superintendent

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Texas Education Agency
Mike Morath, Commissioner of Education
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Commissioner Morath:

In 2015, the 84th session of the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1842 allowing districts to pursue the District of Innovation designation.

On January 9, 2017, the East Bernard Independent School District’s Board of Trustees 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. Also on January 9th, the EBISD Board of Trustees appointed a 16-member committee to begin research and discussion within our community and school district for a plan of innovation addressing areas of student to teacher ratio, CTE/STEM teacher certification restrictions, and changes needed in the school calendar to increase staff development and improve instruction and student performance. The committee has met multiple times, shared the plan with the entire district staff and allowed time and opportunity for input and comment. Upon the conclusion of these events, the DOI Committee unanimously adopted the EBISD District of Innovation Plan on January 25, 2017. The plan has been posted on the EBISD website for public comment for 30 days beginning on January 26, 2017 and will go before the Board for additional input on February 7, 2017. A public hearing will be held on March 6, 2017 and upon its conclusion a final vote of acceptance from the EBISD Board of Trustees.

This letter serves as notification from the EBISD Board of Trustees, and it’s representative, Superintendent Courtney Hudgins, that we, the Board, will vote on the EBISD District of Innovation Plan on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7pm. Please feel free to contact us with any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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