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DSISD BOARD APPROVES DISTRICT OF INNOVATION STATUS

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas— At its June 27 meeting, the Dripping Springs ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the “District of Innovation” designation. A District of Innovation is a concept passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842 giving traditional independent school districts exemptions from some state mandates while increasing local control.

The process for becoming a District of Innovation consisted of multiple steps. First, the Board approved a resolution initiating the process, then held a public hearing to consider whether the district should develop an innovation plan. A committee was appointed by the Board to develop an innovation plan, the plan was developed, the plan was approved by the District Advisory Council, and the Commissioner of Education was notified. The plan then was posted on the district website for 30 days.

Some examples of flexibilities being implemented in the coming year are: the use of a locally developed teacher appraisal system that aligns with DSISD’s strategic plan (rather than a state-designed system) and the use of multiple campus administrators to work collaboratively in the area of student discipline rather than having one designated Campus Behavior Coordinator as required by the state.

Information on Districts of Innovation, as well as the full DSISD plan, is available on the Dripping Springs ISD website at: <http://www.dsisdtx.us/index.aspx?NID=4407>.

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