

SUBJECT: Consideration and Possible Approval for the Adoption of the Board Resolution regarding Pasadena ISD to be designated as a District of Innovation.

BACKGROUND: In the Spring of 2015, the 84th Texas Legislative Session passed HB1842, which provided Texas Public School Districts the opportunity to be designated as Districts of Innovation. A District of Innovation may be exempted from a number of state statutes and will have greater local control, increased freedom and flexibility related to state mandates and educational programming. Pasadena ISD would move forward in exploring and considering a designation of a District of Innovation and would go through the appropriate process to attain the designation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the attached Board Resolution regarding Pasadena ISD to be designated as a District of Innovation.

CONTACT PERSON: DeeAnn Powell
Karen Hickman

BOARD MEETING DATE: September 27, 2016

Resolution

For Pasadena ISD to Initiate the Process of
Designation as a District of Innovation under HB 1842

Whereas: the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees is committed to the success of every student;

Whereas; HB 1842 provides Texas public school districts the opportunity to be designated as Districts of Innovation;

Whereas; Texas districts designated as Districts of Innovation may be exempted from a number of state statutes;

Whereas; the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees has a long-standing practice of supporting innovation for the benefit of students;

Whereas; the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees believes that it can be a better decision making body for students when it has freedom to exercise local control over the decision-making process;

Whereas; HB 1842 requires districts seeking to be designated as Districts of Innovation to develop a local innovation plan;

Whereas; the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees believes that a local innovation plan, if created, should be developed in conjunction with the District's strategic plan; and

Whereas; before considering the creation of a local innovation plan, the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to receive feedback from District stakeholders; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Pasadena Independent School District Board of Trustees on September 27, 2016, initiates the process of exploring and considering designation of the District as a District of Innovation under HB 1842.

CERTIFICATE FOR RESOLUTION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was presented to the Board of Trustees of the Pasadena Independent School District during a regular meeting on September 27, 2016 with the Board of Trustees being then present, it was then duly moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted, and such resolution was then adopted according to the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Abstentions: _____

To certify which, witness my hand and the official seal of the District this 27th day of September 2016.

PASADENA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

By: _____

Nelda Sullivan

President, Board of Trustees