

**Port Neches-Groves ISD**  
**District of Innovation (DOI) Proposal**  
**November 17, 2016**



HB 1842 was passed during the most recent legislative session to allow districts to exempt certain education codes in order to give local control back to school districts to better meet the needs of its community and students. It allows school districts with acceptable or better ratings to access most of the flexibilities available to open enrollment charter schools.

TEA is guiding districts to explore becoming a District of Innovation in lieu of the waiver process for areas such as flexibility of start/end dates, length of instructional day, flexibility in class size and notice of class size; and flexibility in teacher certification in hard-to-fill areas.

Miscellaneous DOI information:

- DOI Advisory Committee approved by the Board of Trustees
- Innovation plans do not have to be approved by TEA but districts are required to provide TEA with their written plan.
- School district funding will remain the same for districts of innovation. This statutory option was not created to provide additional grant funding to participating districts.
- A district’s DOI plan may have a term up to five years and may be amended, rescinded, or renewed by a majority vote of the District Level Advisory Committee.
- A district may lose its innovation status if it receives unacceptable academic performance ratings for two consecutive years.

**DOI TIMELINE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
November 14, 2016	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. @ WGEC Board Room	Approve board referendum to begin DOI process.
November 17, 2016	DOI Advisory Meeting 4:00 p.m. @ WGEC Board Room	Begin DOI process and develop first draft of plan
November 28 – December 9, 2016	Campus CIC Meetings	Gather campus feedback
December 12, 2016	DOI Advisory Meeting 4:00 p.m. @ WGEC Board Room	Finalize plan to present to School Board
December 12, 2016	Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ WGEC Board Room	Possible plan update
December 13, 2016 - January 20, 2017	Plan posted to district website	Public comment/feedback
January 9, 2017	Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ WGEC Board Room	Possible plan update
January 23, 2017	DOI Advisory Meeting 4:00 p.m. @ WGEC Board Room	Finalize plan
February 13, 2017	Board Meeting 7 p.m. @ WGEC Board Room	Approve DOI plan and proposed 2017-2018 district calendar

All DOI information will be posted on the district website under “Our District” on the top navigation bar.