



Jasper Independent School District

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

Dear Commissioner Morath:

The Jasper Independent School District, in accordance with House Bill 1842 enacted by the 84th Texas Legislature, has been in the process of developing a local District of Innovation Plan. The Jasper Independent School District Board of Trustees voted to pursue the designation of District of Innovation with a resolution approved at the October 8, 2018, Board meeting. Following the Board Meeting, a public hearing was conducted on October 29, 2018 to present the District of Innovation concept and to seek comments from the school district's students, staff, parents, and community. At the conclusion of the public hearing the Board of Trustees appointed a committee of 28 individuals to represent various stakeholders and to develop a local District of Innovation Plan in accordance with Section 12A.002(b)(2) and Section 12A.003 of the Texas Education Code. The appointed committee consists of teachers, other professional staff members, parents, community members, and business representatives.

The District of Innovation Committee met on December 18th, January 31st, February 7th, and February 19th to discuss and to develop a draft District of Innovation Plan. Information concerning the process, meetings, and meeting outcomes have been conveyed to Jasper ISD stakeholders through the school website as well as campus and district communication. The District of Innovation Planning Committee meeting is scheduled to meet on March 28th, 2019 with the District Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) to review and unanimously approve the proposed plan. Following this meeting, a Public Meeting will be held to review the proposed plan. The proposed District of Innovation Plan was posted to the district website on February 22, 2019, and the plan will be available for a 30-day public comment period along with a survey to collect results.

Notice is hereby provided that the Jasper Independent School District Board of Trustees anticipates voting on the proposed local District of Innovation Plan on April 8, 2019. We understand that the plan must be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Board of Trustees.

Please let us know if any further information is needed concerning this process.

Sincerely,

Lequin Hilderbrand
Board President
Jasper ISD