

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TO INITIATE THE PROCESS OF EXPLORING THE OPTION OF DESIGNATING NEWTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A DISTRICT OF INNOVATION

Whereas, the 84th Legislature passed House Bi//1842 which provides Texas public school districts the opportunity to be designated as Districts of Innovation; and

Whereas, Texas school districts designated as a District of Innovation may be exempted from a number of state requirements which affords traditional public schools with many of the same freedoms that apply to open-enrollment charter schools; and

Whereas, the vision of Newton Independent School District is to produce students who are progressive, independent, collaborative, open, determined, and well-rounded; and this legislation empowers local communities to be creative and innovative, while also providing greater local control in the decision-making process; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees believes that decisions affecting the students of Newton Independent School District are best made at the local level by those who know our students, district, and community; and

Whereas, the Newton Independent School District Board of Trustees has adopted a strategic plan that supports customization and innovation; and

Whereas, HB 1842 requires districts seeking to be designated as a District of Innovation to develop a local innovation plan that allows for increased freedom from certain state mandates; and

Whereas, the Newton Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing and receive feedback from stakeholders to consider the development of a local innovation plan; following the public hearing, the Board of Trustees may decline to pursue the designation to develop a plan in accordance with chapter 12A of the Texas Education Code; now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Newton Independent School District Board of Trustees initiates the process of exploring and considering the option of designating NISD as a District of Innovation under HB 1842.

Witness these signatures on the 17th day of January, 2017.



President, Board Trustee



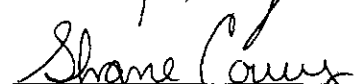
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Secretary, Board Trustee



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Superintendent