



## Point Isabel Independent School District

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*“Honor Tradition, Lead Innovation”*

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Commissioner Morath,

Please accept this correspondence as notification of the Point Isabel Independent School District (PIISD) intent to seek designation as a District of Innovation. House Bill 1842(HB1842) passed by the 84<sup>th</sup> legislature allows a traditional school district many of the flexibilities available to Texas' Open Enrollment Charter Schools.

PIISD has a five year implementation plan for a robust Blended Learning initiative to transform the educational experience for students. The district is a finalist (one of ten statewide) for the *Raise Your Hand Texas Blended Learning* \$500,000 grant and has been in the process of implementing a Blended Learning plan during the 2015-2016 school year. The scalability of the plan district-wide within five years will be enhanced by the flexibilities allowed under HB1842.

The Board of Trustees passed a resolution on February 16, 2016 during a properly posted regular school board meeting. A public hearing was held February 23, 2016. At the conclusion of the properly posted public hearing, the Board of Trustees instructed administration to convene a committee of stakeholders to develop a Local Innovation Plan. The draft of the plan will be posted on the district website (March 28, 2016) with an email address to send any questions or suggestions available to all stakeholders. Upon completion of the 30 day posting requirement, it is anticipated the Board of Trustees will approve the plan (May 17, 2016) to become effective for the 2016-2017 school year, at which time a formal notification from the Board of Trustees to the Commissioner will be forwarded.

Respectfully,

Dr. Lisa Garcia  
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