

**Point Isabel Independent School District**  
**District of Innovation**

**Districts of Innovation outcomes:**

- greater local control as the decision makers over the educational and instructional model for students;
- increased freedom and flexibility, with accountability, relative to state mandates that govern educational programming; and
- empowerment to innovate and think differently.

**Process:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Board of Trustees passes resolution	2/16/16
Board of Trustees holds public hearing to consider developing a plan for innovation	2/23/16
Committee forms to work on plan for innovation	3/7/16
Committee meeting to review draft plan	3/23/16
Draft versions of the plan are shared with Board, DEIC, SBDM and placed on the website for feedback	3/28/16
Committee meeting to finalize plan	4/13/16 <del>4/12/16</del>
Final version of the plan is posted on District website	4/15/16
Board notifies Commissioner of intent to approve plan	5/9/16
Board of Trustees votes to adopt final plan	5/17/16

Legal requirements a district could avoid by becoming a District of Innovation

- Site based decision making processes
- Uniform school start date
- Minimum minutes of instruction
- Class size ratio
- 90% attendance rule
- Student discipline provisions (required to have a student code of conduct)
- Teacher certification (highly qualified)
- Teacher contracts
- Teacher benefits, including state minimum salary schedule, duty-free lunch and planning periods
- Teacher appraisal system