

Henderson ISD

District of Innovation Meeting

February 2, 2017

What is a “District of Innovation”?

- A bill passed into law during the 2015 Legislative Session allowing school districts to take advantage of “flexibilities” that charter schools have available.
- A district’s most recent accountability rating must at least be acceptable.
- A plan is good for 5 years and may be amended, rescinded, or renewed at any time.

What kind of “flexibilities”?

For Consideration

- Uniform start date
- Teacher certifications
- Probationary contracts
- Student Discipline
- Class Size Ratio
- Transfers
- Campus Behavior Coordinator

No Consideration

- ~~Minimum salary schedule~~
- ~~Duty free lunch~~
- ~~Planning Period~~
- ~~Term Contracts~~

Process for Innovation Status

- ✓ School Board passes resolution to begin the process. (1-17-17)
- ✓ School Board holds a public hearing. (1-17-17)
- ✓ School Board appoints Innovation Advisory Committee. (1-17-17)
- Committee develops plan and posts for 30 days.
- Committee votes on plan.
- School Board must approve by 2/3rds vote.

Plan Requirements

- How does the current requirement inhibit the district? (What is the problem?)
- How would the district change the requirement?