



GREENVILLE ISD
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May 17, 2017

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

Dear Commissioner Morath,

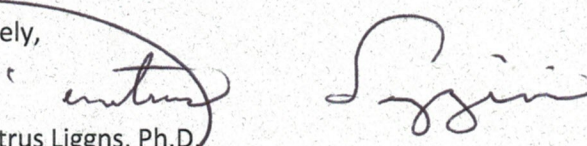
On January 17, 2017, the Greenville Independent School District Board of Trustees adopted a resolution to begin the District of Innovation exploration process. The GISD Board held a public hearing and appointed an innovation committee on the same evening. The local District of Innovation committee met to develop an initial draft of our local innovation plan and included the following items:

- School Start/End Dates: Allow the ISD to start school prior to the fourth Monday in August.
- Teacher Planning and Preparation Time: Allow the ISD to utilize up to 90 minutes of planning periods every two weeks for professional learning communities.
- Teacher Certifications: Allow the ISD to create a local certification for Career and Technical Education teachers and allow the ISD to create a local certification that allows a currently certified teacher to teach outside of his/her certification area for one year.

The District posted the plan online on May 05, 2017, for public viewing and feedback. The final plan will be presented to the Greenville ISD Board of Trustees on June 20, 2017 for final approval and adoption.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me to discuss.

Sincerely,


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