

# District of Innovation

North East Independent School District

April 9, 2018

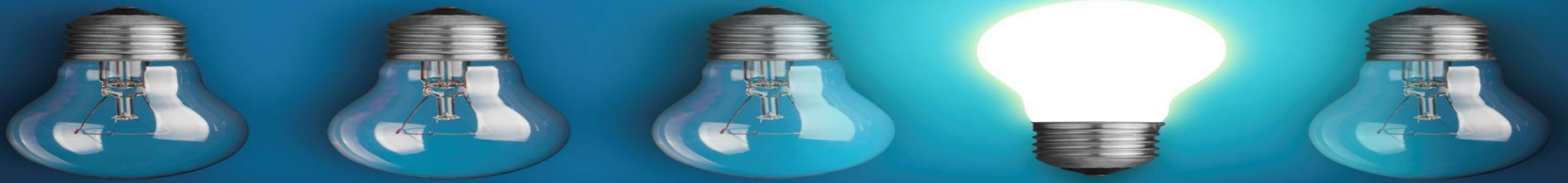




# What is a District of Innovation

A District of Innovation is a concept passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, that gives traditional independent school districts most of the **flexibilities** available to Texas' open enrollment charter schools. To access these flexibilities, a school district must adopt an **innovation plan**, as set forth in the Texas Education Code chapter 12A.

TASB Legal Services



## Potential Benefits of Becoming a District of Innovation

**Local control:** NEISD decides which flexibilities best suit our needs

**Customization:** NEISD can create an innovation plan to address our needs

**Autonomy:** Plans are submitted to the commissioner of education, but approval is not required

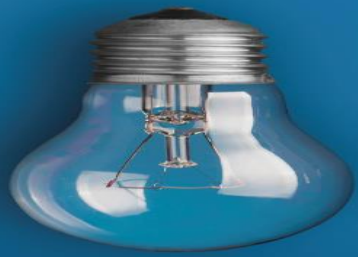
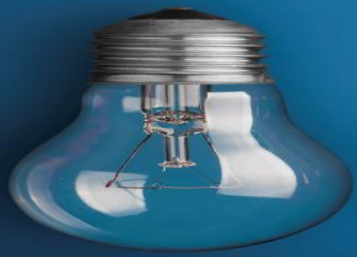


## Identifying the District Needs

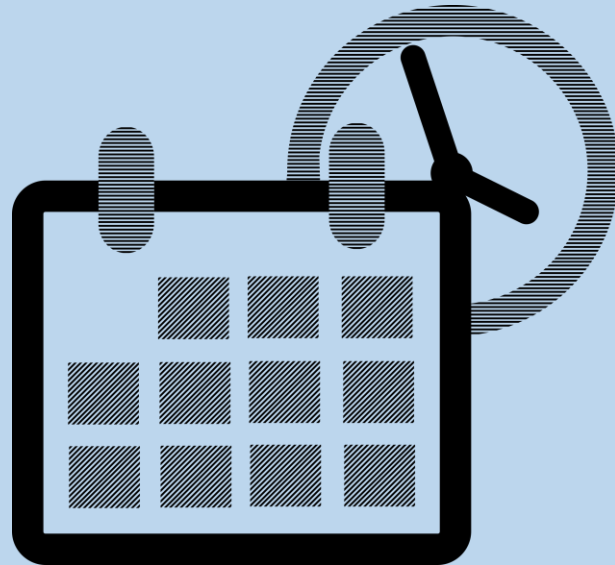
*“The District of Innovation Plan” should support instruction and academic achievement while taking the **needs** of the District into consideration.*

*The DOI Plan should be based on what is instructionally best for **students**.*





## Area of Flexibility: Uniform Start Date





## Possible DOI Opportunity for NEISD

**Concern:** First day of school for the 2017-2018 was August 28

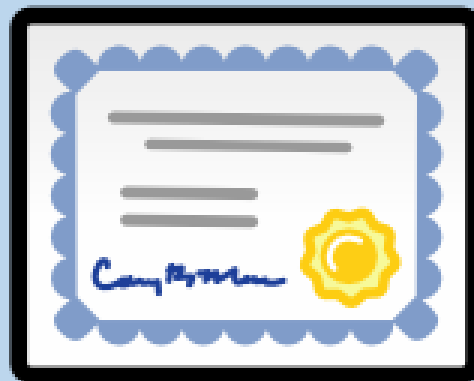
**Current Solution:** None available by law

**Possible DOI Solution:** NEISD could choose an earlier date to begin the school year to balance out semesters



## Area of Flexibility:

Teacher Certifications in the High Need Areas of  
Career and Technical Education and World Languages





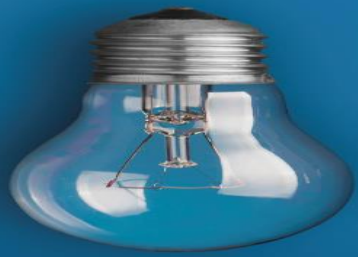
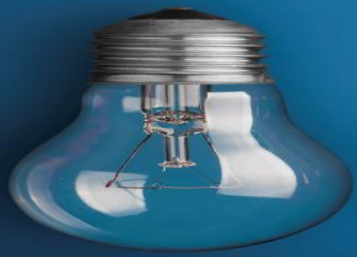
## Possible DOI Opportunity for NEISD

**Concern:** Teaching vacancy for Japanese

**Current Solution:** Permanent sub teaching Japanese at an NEISD HS

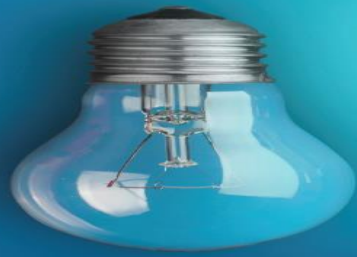
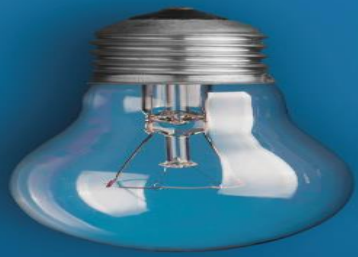
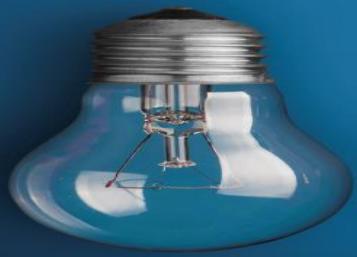
**Possible DOI Solution:** Hire qualified, non-certified Japanese Teacher  
Contingent upon attaining certification within a specified timeframe





## The DOI Timeline

April 9, 2018	Board of Trustees will appoint DOI planning committee
April 10-30, 2018	The Planning Committee will explore and develop a DOI Plan
May 2, 2018	The drafted DOI plan will be presented to the DEIC Committee for input and approval of the plan by majority vote
May 3, 2018	Post plan on District website for 30 days Notify the TEA of Proposed District of Innovation Plan
June 4, 2018	Present the DOI Plan to the Board of Trustees for approval
June 5, 2018	If approved, notify the Commissioner of the DOI Plan Send a copy of the DOI Plan to the TEA for posting to the TEA website



Questions