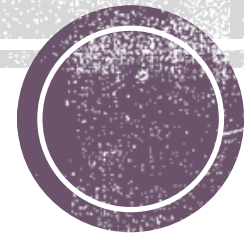


Marble Falls ISD

Proposal to Become a District of Innovation



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What is a District of Innovation?

- A provision within the law that allows a district to exempt out of certain provisions within statutes
- There are few requirements associated with these exemptions
- A local planning committee is authorized to develop a plan that the District would follow after School Board Approval
- The purpose is to allow a district to meet the unique needs of its' school community
- This would allow Marble Falls ISD to continue to think differently about meeting the needs of our students – as we love and inspire them to achieve their fullest potential



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What is a District of Innovation?

- Texas Education Code, Chapter 12A provides for districts to follow a process to become a “District of Innovation” by exempting itself from some specific provisions located in the Texas Education Code.
- A district may pursue innovative practices in specific areas:
 - Curriculum
 - Instruction
 - Governance
 - Parent & Community Involvement
 - School Calendar
 - Budgeting
 - Accountability
 - Other Innovations



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What is a District of Innovation?

- Each plan is about local control and our plan will be designed by our school community to meet the needs of our students
- The plan must have input from teachers, staff members, and community members through a local District of Innovation Planning Committee
- This does not allow a district to be exempt from many other provisions of the Texas Education Code



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Why would this help us in Marble Falls ISD?

For example, this would allow the local District of Innovation Planning Committee to pursue flexibility for some specific topics:

- **Teacher Certifications**
- **Probationary Teacher Contracts**
- **Teacher and Administrator Appraisal Systems**
- **First Day of Instruction**
- **Minimum Attendance for Class Credit**
- **Designation of Campus Behavior Coordinator**



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Examples may include:

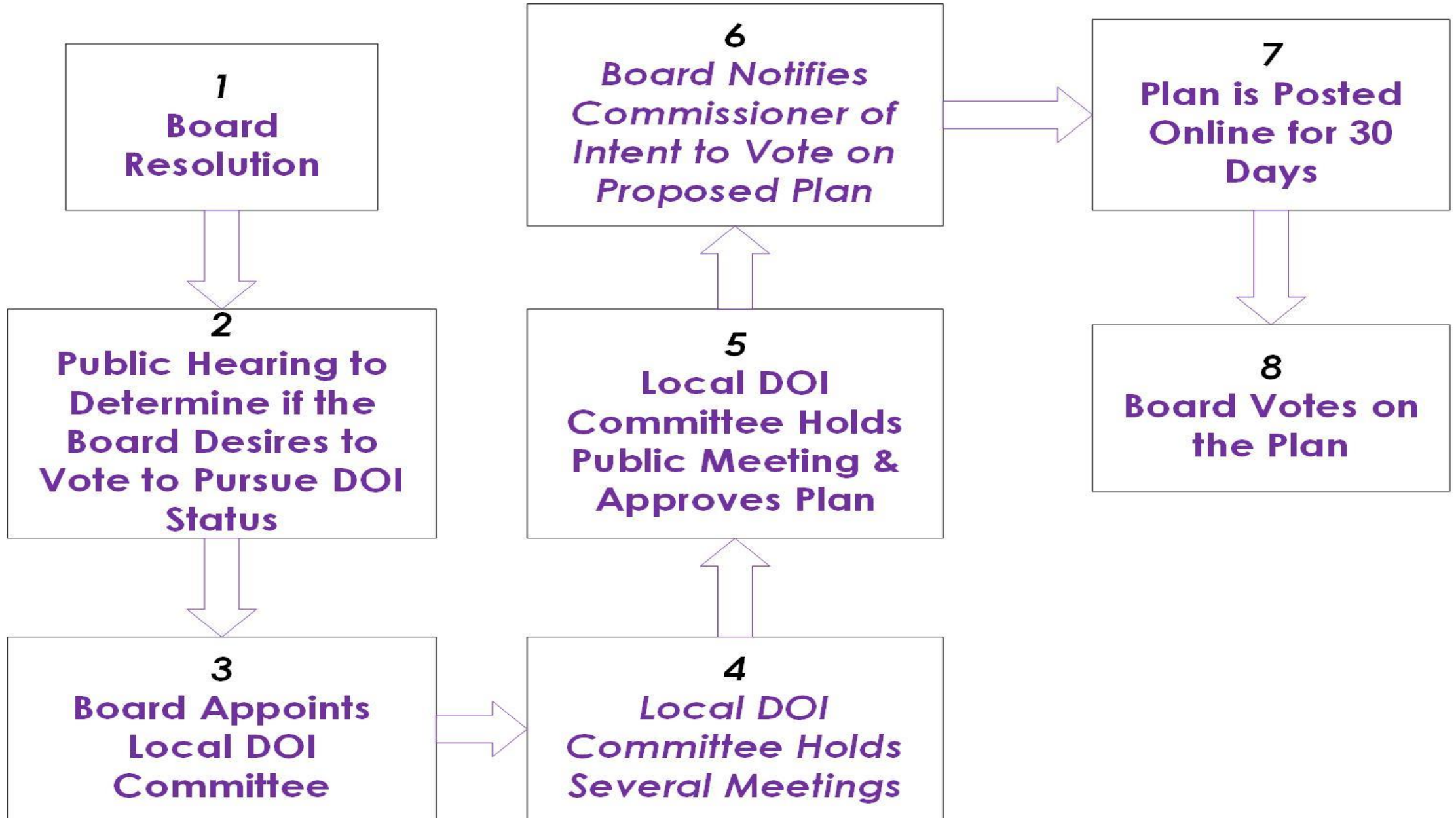
- Hire appropriately experienced teachers in hard to fill areas (STEAM, Languages other Than English, CTE, etc.)
- Appraise teachers and administrators on the content that matters for our community
- Start the school year a little earlier
- Allow for the possibility of innovative instructional practices (Blended Learning, STEAM Academy, Internships, etc.)



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Process



What happens if we want to change our plan?

- After the proposed plan is drafted, posted to the website, and finalized, the plan would be presented to the Board for approval
- Upon approval by the Board, the plan would be in place for five years
- If the District determines that changes are necessary, the process would begin again at the first step



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Timeline

- Oct. 16 – Consideration of Board Resolution to Pursue District of Innovation Status for MFISD
- Oct. 16 – Public Hearing to Consider whether MFISD should pursue the process that would lead to the designation as a District of Innovation
- Oct. 16 – The Board appoints a Local District of Innovation Planning Committee to develop a local innovation plan.



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Timeline

- After Oct. 16 – the Local District of Innovation Planning Committee would schedule meetings to discuss the proposed plan to be developed by the committee
- Nov. 8 – Public Meeting (6PM)
- Local District of Innovation Planning Committee would vote on the proposed plan
- If Approved, the Proposed Plan will be Posted for 30 days on the MFISD website
- MFISD Board Votes on the Proposed Plan



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What Happens Next?

- We will entertain any questions
- If satisfied, the Board may decide to pursue District of Innovation Status and open a public hearing
- If they desire, the Board will direct the Superintendent to appoint a Local District of Innovation Planning Committee to begin meeting and come back with a proposed plan
- The Local Planning Committee will meet several times and develop a plan, present it at a public hearing, and post the proposed plan online for public comment
- At a board meeting after the proposed plan is posted for 30 days, the Board will vote on the adoption of the proposed plan



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Questions? Comments?



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