



# SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Commissioner Mike Morath  
Texas Education Agency  
1701 N. Congress Avenue  
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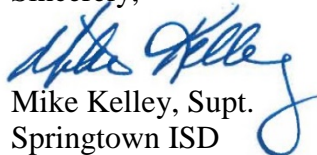
Dear Commissioner Morath,

The Springtown Independent School District ("District") is following the process required by House Bill 1842 (HB 1842), enacted by the 84<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature and codified in the Texas Education Code Chapter (TEC) 12A, for the Board of Trustees to consider designating the District as a District of Innovation. On November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution for the District to initiate the process of designation as a District of Innovation as required by TEC 12A.001. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Trustees held a public hearing to consider whether the District should develop a local innovation plan and also approved creation of a District of Innovation Steering Committee to develop a local innovation plan as required by TEC 12A.002. The constitution of the District of Innovation Steering Committee was approved by the Board on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, as required by TEC 12A.002. The District of Innovation Steering Committee developed the local innovation plan which was posted online via the District's website and social media for a 30 day comment period on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as required by TEC 12A.002 and TEC 12A.005.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the District Instructional Advisory Committee (DIAC) created pursuant to TEC §11.251 will hold a public meeting to consider and vote on the local innovation plan as required by TEC §12A.005. If a majority of the DIAC approves the plan, the Board will vote on the local innovation plan on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at a public meeting conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. The plan must be adopted by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the Board as required by TEC §12A.005. The District's local innovation plan proposes exemption from the following sections of the Texas Education Code:

- §21.003 *Certification Required*
- §21.102 *Probationary Contracts*
- §25.081 *Minimum Minutes of Instruction*
- §37.007 *Alternative Settings for Behavior Management*
- §25.0811 *First Day of Instruction*
- §25.0812 *Last Day of School*
- §25.036 *Transfer of Student*
- §37.0012) *Designation of Campus Behavior Coordinator*

Sincerely,

  
Mike Kelley, Supt.  
Springtown ISD

