



## Natalia Independent School District

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

Dear Commissioner Morath,

The Natalia Independent School District ("District") is following the process required by House Bill 1842 (HB 1842), enacted by the 84th 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 January 24, 2022, the Board adopted a resolution for the District to initiate the designation process as a District of Innovation as required by TEC 12A.001. On January 24, 2022, the Board held a public hearing to consider whether the District should develop a local innovation plan and approved the creation of a District Advisory Committee to develop a local innovation plan as required by TEC 12A.002. The development of the District Advisory Committee was approved by the Board on January 24, 2022, as required by TEC 12A.002. The District Advisory Committee developed the local innovation plan, which will be posted for a 30 day comment period that started on February 14, 2022, as required by TEC 12A.002 and TEC 12A.005.

On March 21, 2022, the District Advisory Committee, created according to TEC 11.251, will hold a public meeting to consider and vote on the local innovation plan as required by TEC 12.005. If a majority of the voting members of the District Advisory Committee approve the plan, the Board will vote on the local innovation plan on March 28, 2022, 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 opting out of the following sections of the Texas Education Code.

§11.251 Planning and Decision-Making Process  
§11.252 District-Level Planning and Decision-Making  
§11.253 Campus Planning and Site-Based Decision-Making  
§21.003 Certification Required  
§25.0811 First Day of Instruction & §25.0812 Last Day of School  
§25.092 Minimum Attendance for Class Credit or Final Grade  
§25.112 Class Size & §25.113 Notice of Class Size  
§28.004 Local School Health Advisory Council and Health Education Instruction  
§37.008 DAEP Teacher Certification Requirement Exemption  
§37.0012 Designation of Campus Behavior Coordinator  
§37.105 Removal of Individuals from District Property/Facilities  
§45.205 Term of Contract  
§45.206 Bid Or Request for Proposal Notices; Bid and Proposal Forms

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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