

River Road Independent School District

Local Innovation Plan

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INTRODUCTION

The 84th Legislative Session, through House Bill 1842, created “Districts of Innovation” in Chapter 12A of the Texas Education Code. The new law allows independent school districts, such as River Road ISD, to access many of the flexibilities available to Texas’ open enrollment charter schools. To take advantage of these new opportunities, a school district’s board of trustees must adopt an “innovation plan.” Only districts with acceptable performance ratings are eligible to be a District of Innovation. River Road ISD has an acceptable performance rating and is eligible to be designated as a District of Innovation.

As a District of Innovation, River Road ISD will have:

- Greater local control over the educational and instructional model for River Road ISD students;
- Increased freedom and flexibility, while maintaining accountability for results; and
- The ability to innovate and think “outside the box,” to the benefit of River Road ISD students, educators and staff.