



**Garland Independent School District
501 S. Jupiter
Garland, TX 75042**

July 19, 2023

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND
ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Mike Morath
Commissioner of Education
Texas Education Agency
Attn: Accreditation
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Austin, TX 78701
commissioner@tea.texas.gov

RE: Notice to the Commissioner of Education of Garland Independent School District’s Local Innovation Plan Amendment Adoption

Dear Commissioner Morath:

On June 27, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Garland Independent School District approved amending the existing Local Innovation Plan. At the meeting, all seven trustees were present. Trustee Robert Selders moved the Board to adopt the Local Innovation Plan and effectively amend the District of Innovation Plan. Trustee Wes Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by seven votes to none opposed. Enclosed is a copy of the Local Innovation Plan. Also, included is the updated checklist of exemptions reflecting all sections of the code from which the district is exempt. The link to the GISD website where the Amendment is located is

<https://garlandisd.net/about/district-innovation>.

The following timeline was addressed to fulfill all amendment process requirements as outlined by 19 TAC §102.1313(a)(3):

Process requirement	Action	Date addressed
The district-level committee established under the Texas Education Code (TEC), §11.251, has held a public* meeting to consider the final version of the proposed plan and has approved the plan by a	District-wide Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) held a public meeting to discuss the renewal of the existing Local Innovation Plan. The GISD DEIC voted unanimously to approve the Local Innovation	May 24, 2023

majority vote of the committee member	Plan and renew the District of Innovation designation status.	
The board of trustees has notified the commissioner of education of the board's intention to vote on the adoption of the proposed plan	A Notice of Intent To Amend was sent to the Commissioner of Education, Mike Morath via certified and electronic mail.	July 19, 2023
Final version of the proposed plan has been available on the district's website	The plan was published on the District's website at https://garlandisd.net/about/district-innovation	July 19, 2023

If you have any questions, then please contact me directly at (972) 487-3176.

Sincerely,

Michael Bland

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 Garland ISD
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Enclosures

Agency Form of Approved TEC Exemptions
 Final Local Innovation Plan (7/19/23)