Resolution
For Waco ISD to Initiate the Process of
Designation as a District of Innovation Under HB 1842

WHEREAS, the Waco ISD Board of Trustees is committed to the success of every child; and,

WHEREAS, HB 1842 provides Texas public school districts the opportunity to be designated as Districts of Innovation; and,

WHEREAS, Texas districts designated as Districts of Innovation may be exempted from a number of state statues; and,

WHEREAS, Waco ISD Board of Trustees has a long-standing practice of supporting innovation for the benefit of students; and,

WHEREAS, Waco ISD Board of Trustees believes it can be a better decision-making body for students when it has freedom to exercise local control over the decision-making process; and,

WHEREAS, HB 1842 requires districts seeking to be designated as Districts of Innovation to develop a local innovation plan; and,

WHEREAS, Waco ISD Board of Trustees is preparing to develop a strategic plan for the District to improve school and District performance; and,

WHEREAS, Waco ISD Board of Trustees believes that a local innovation plan, if created, should be developed in conjunction with the District's strategic plan; and,

WHEREAS, before considering the creation of a local innovation plan, the Waco ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to receive feedback from District stakeholders;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Waco Independent School District Board of Trustees on March 24, 2016 initiates the process of exploring and considering designation of the District as a District of Innovation under HB 1842.
Process of Designation as a District of Innovation HB 1842 3/24/16