



Texas Education Agency
Commissioner Mike Morath
William B. Travis Building
1701 North Congress Avenue
Austin, TX 78701

Re: Notice to the Commissioner of Education of Crowley ISD Board of Trustees' Approval of Amendment to the Local District of Innovation Plan

Dear Commissioner Morath,

Please be advised that the Crowley ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved at their May 27, 2021 board meeting the below-described amendment, pursuant to Texas Administrative Code ("T.A.C.") § 102.1313, Amendment, Rescission, or Renewal, which reads, in relevant part:

- A district of innovation plan may be amended, rescinded, or renewed if the action is approved by a majority voted of the district-level committee established under the Texas Education Code ("T.E.C.") § 11.251, or a comparable committee if the district is exempt from that section, and a two-thirds majority vote of the board of trustees.
- Amendment. An amendment to an approved plan does not change the date of the term of designation as an innovation district. Exemptions that were already formally approved are not required to be reviewed.

The amendment was approved by the required majority vote of the Crowley ISD Board on May 27, 2021 and posted for the required 30 days.

This amendment is being submitted to amend the Local District of Innovation Plan previously approved by the Crowley ISD Board, with notice of intention to adopt said Original Plan sent to the Commissioner on March 30, 2017 and the final submission of the Plan sent to the Commissioner on (DATE) with notice of intention to adopt said Plan Amendment sent via registered mail to the Commissioner on May 28, 2021.

Through the amendment, we seek to obtain broader exemption from T.E.C. § 22.004(i), which precludes a school district from providing an alternative uniform group health coverage program after the school district implements coverages under Chapter 1579.



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The amendment, as approved by the required majority vote of the Board, reads as follows:

T.E.C. § 22.004 is not included in any of the prohibited exemptions that can be included in a District's local innovation plan pursuant to T.E.C. § 12A.004 or the list of the Commissioner's prohibited exemptions in the Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Chapter 102, subchapter JJ, Section 102.1309. Therefore, in order to have the option to offer additional benefits options to employees and to increase local control of the group health benefits plan to allow the District to be responsive to employee and community needs, the district hereby amends the District of Innovation Plan to exempt the district from the health insurance requirements in T.E.C. § 22.004(i).

Should you require any additional information, please contact Stacey Adrian, CFO, at Stacey.adrian@crowley.k12.tx.us.

Sincerely,

Stacey Adrian