



WICHITA FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Last night the WFISD Board of Trustees held a public hearing and then appointed a District of Innovation Committee. The [District of Innovation](#) details are still on our website at the link and the list of committee members is posted there. Please connect with those individuals to relay concerns you may have or questions that you have so that your thoughts are heard. I'd like to try to briefly dispel some rumors and ease the valid concerns of some individuals in our district.

- The only goal is to continue to improve student outcomes in WFISD
- This legislation allows WFISD the opportunity to take back some local control over some of the education regulations imposed by Austin
- There is not a written plan...no hidden agenda and no smokescreens
- There are 25 people (volunteers) on the committee, 13 of whom are teachers
- The DOI Committee will develop the plan, present it for consideration to the District Advisory Committee and then to the Board of Trustees
- The plan must be posted on our website for a minimum of 30 days
- Removing duty-free lunches has never been a consideration of myself or the Board of Trustees**
- Removing planning periods has never been a consideration of myself or the Board of Trustees**
- Yes, there was a waiver submitted for 33 elementary classrooms above 22-1, but that number is now 17 thanks to added teachers by the Board of Trustees. No K-4 classroom in the district (based on the last report I saw) has more than 24 students.
- The granting of State waivers in the future will be very difficult if a District of Innovation designation is an available option

