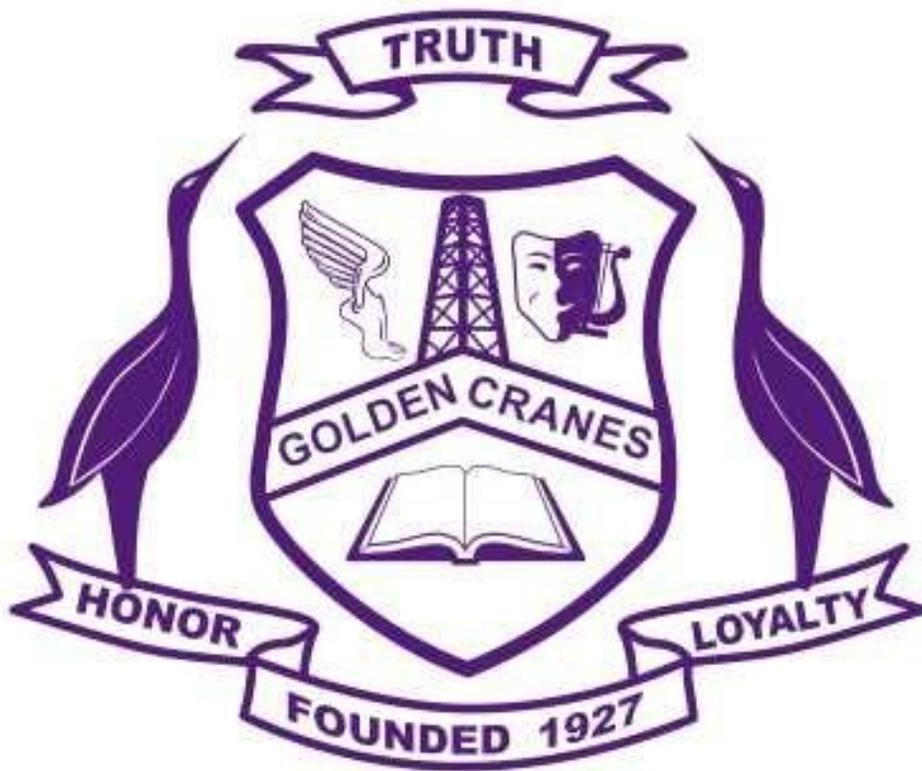


# *Crane ISD*

## *District of Innovation Plan*



*2017-2022*

Crane ISD  
District of Innovation (HB 1842)  
2017-2022

Crane Independent School District shall utilize HB 1842 as set forth by the 84th Legislative Session to create provide local control. HB 1842 allows a public school some of the flexibilities that public charter schools are provided. The opportunity for a District of Innovation designation will allow our district to think outside the box and provide opportunities for our students, staff and community outside the traditional restraints. This plan shall go into effect with the 2017-2018 school year and remain in effect throughout the 2021-2022 school year- 5 years. During that time, the committee, with approval of the Crane Independent School District Board of Trustees.

### **District of Innovation Committee Members**

Bill Boyd, Superintendent  
Yolanda Carr, Associate Superintendent  
Tony Priest, Business Manager  
Jimmy Heath, Technology Director  
Kirk Byrd, Athletic Director  
Daniel Todd, Band Director  
Shelley Garcia, Special Education Director  
Ramon Berzoza, High School Principal  
Monte King, Maintenance Director

#### **Crane High School**

Matt Turney, Assistant Principal  
Jennifer Fowler, Teacher  
Eric Hill, Teacher  
Ron Schulze, Teacher

#### **Crane Middle School**

Lori Schulze, Principal  
Glen Anderson, Counselor  
Sylvia Villegas, Teacher  
Tesla Contreras, Teacher

#### **Crane Elementary School**

Nicole Jeffrey, Principal  
Krista Zeigler, Counselor  
Lisa Minnick, Teacher

## District of Innovation Timeline

### **Monday, March 6, 2017 - 6:00 pm, CISD Board Room**

Board of trustees approve resolution to hold a public hearing to discuss the possibility of using HB 1842 to become a District of Innovation.

Public hearing to explain and discuss the possibility of becoming a District of Innovation.

Approve a motion to pursue local District of Innovation plan. Board of Trustees approve the members of the District of Innovation Committee

### **Monday, March 20, 2017 - 4:00 pm, CISD Board Room**

Initial Meeting of the District of Innovation Committee

### **Monday, April 3, 2017 - 4:00 pm, CISD Board Room**

2nd Meeting of the District of Innovation Committee

### **Monday, April 20, 2017 - 4:00 pm, CISD Board Room**

3rd Meeting of the District of Innovation Committee

### **Thursday, May 4, 2017 - 4:00 pm, CISD Board Room**

4th Meeting of the District of Innovation Committee

# 1. School Start Date / Last Day of School

(EB LEGAL) (EC LEGAL) (TEC 25.0811; TEC 25.0812)

## **Current Law**

Students may not begin school before the 4th Monday of August. For many years this has been the rule, however, although districts had the option of applying for a waiver to start earlier. Several years ago the legislature took away all waivers and dictated that school districts may not begin until the 4th Monday without exception.

In Section 25.0812, the statute requires that the last day of school may not occur before May 15.

## **Proposed**

- To allow for a calendar that is reflective of the needs of our community and school district, Crane Independent School District will create a calendar that provides a more balanced number of instructional days per semester and provides more instruction prior to state assessments. With the statutory minute requirement at 75,600 and the state assessment given in early May, it could be possible to finish the school year prior to May 15.
- Exemptions from the mandatory starting and ending date would provide the flexibility to create an innovative instructional schedule to better meet the needs of students in today's educational environment, better strategize innovative instructional strategies that fit a more flexible schedule, condense employee work schedules for holidays, personal days and professional development days impacting employee work/life balance, and improve student academic outcomes by using the calendar flexibility for retesting opportunities, etc.

~~Our goal is to improve student academic outcomes through flexibility in the calendar.~~

