Questions Posed on District of Innovation

How soon will this plan be implemented?
The DOI Plan includes the term of the Plan. It would be a Plan that would commence in the Fall of 2017 and be in effect until the Spring of 2022.

What specific areas of a DOI does the district intend to utilize? How will this affect teachers?
The DOI Plan includes the specific exemptions the District intends to utilize. There are 6 exemptions proposed:

- *TEC §25.0811 and §25.0812 First day of Instruction and Last Day of Instruction*
- *TEC §25.092 Minimum Attendance for Class Credit or Final Grade*
- *TEC §25.081 Minimum Minutes of Instruction- 75,600 minutes/year, 420 Minutes/Day*
- *TEC §21.003 and TEC §21.051 Certification and Required Field-based Experience*
- *TEC §25.112 and §25.1113 Class Size and Notice of Class Size*
- *TEC §29.151 Free Kindergarten*

These exemptions would allow for more flexibility for teachers to deliver high-quality instruction and to meet the needs and interests of all students of South South San, in turn, fulfilling the District's Call to Action: All students will enjoy successful education experiences to empower them to make decisions and enrich their lives in the future they create.

How can increasing class size benefit my child? Will the teacher be able to meet the needs of my GT child when she/he has so many students?
Student success is the primary focus with all of the exemptions. All children will continue to receive the support they need in class. This exemption is not designed to carry out a plan to increase all class sizes. The exemption for class size is the equivalent to what school district's are already able to accomplish with class size waivers through the Texas Education Agency (TEA). A school district, having a designation of District of Innovation, would now allow the Board of Trustees to serve as the final approvers of such a request, rather than TEA. At South San we will always be committed to ensure classroom ratio decisions will continue to positively impact student success.