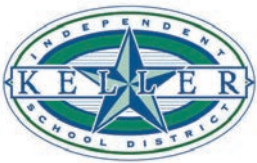


# Districts of Innovation: *Frightening or Freedom?*

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## What is it?

- Poorly named concept built into law 4 years ago
- Allows for effectively same flexibility afforded to charter schools
- Hamstrings areas that might allow for true innovation
- Does return some local control

## Is it Frightening?

- Teachers' rights at risk
- Confused regulatory environment

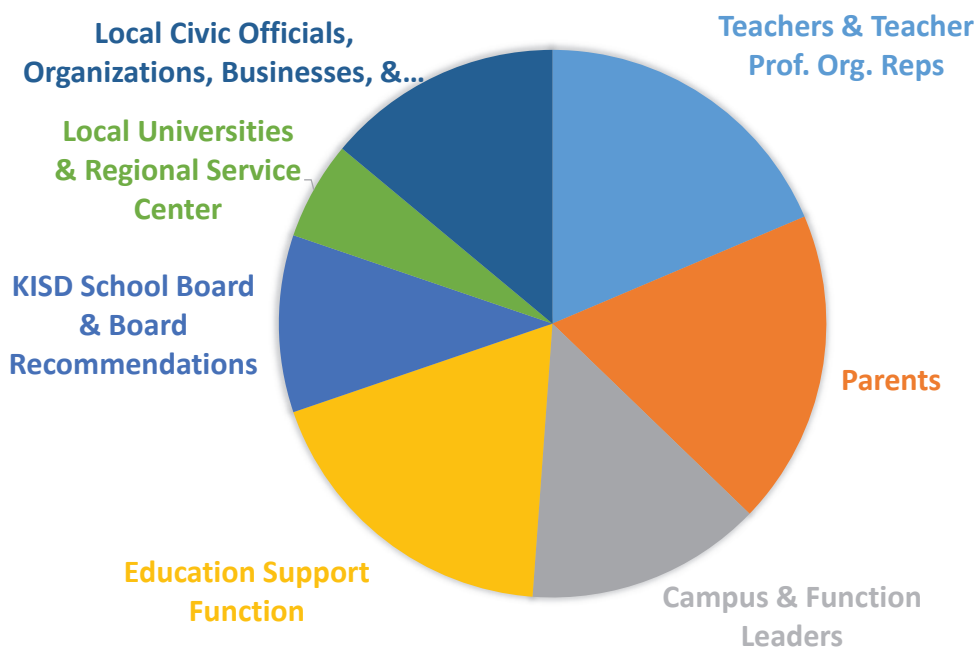
## Process with a Purpose: Getting Stakeholders to Buy-In and Building Trust

- Committee makeup
- Super majority voting
- Transparency

## Keller ISD DOI Committee Goals:

- Learn about, discuss, and make recommendations related to the laws we might exempt ourselves from in order to better serve our students
- Generate ideas about innovative approaches we could take in our district in the future

## Keller ISD DOI Committee Makeup



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