

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271
Bloomington, Minnesota**

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

DATE OF BOARD MEETING:	January 23, 2018
SUBJECT:	Innovation Research Zone Pilot Project
ORIGINATION DEPARTMENT:	Office of the Superintendent
APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER:	Les Fujitake Superintendent of Schools

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD TO ADOPT:

RESOLVED, that, the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the District's application to the Minnesota Department of Education to be designated as an Innovation Research Zone Pilot Project and the letter of support to be submitted with the application.

RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Approve.

DETAILED BACKGROUND:

Along with District administrators, the application for the Innovation Research Zone Pilot Project has been developed with a team of curriculum leaders and elementary and secondary administrators working with the District's project consultant, Patrice Tetta (Mission360 Consulting, LLC).

By providing the attached letter of support, the School Board is expressing its commitment to provide oversight to ensure that all activities outlined in the application will be implemented as described.

The application will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education by the January 26th deadline.

January 24, 2018

Minnesota Department of Education
1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, Minnesota 55113

Re: Innovation Research Zone Pilot Project

Minnesota Department of Education:

At its January 23 meeting, the School Board of Independent School District No. 271 approved our District's application to the Minnesota Department of Education to be designated as an Innovation Research Zone Pilot project.

By approving the application, the School Board is expressing its commitment to provide oversight to ensure that all activities outlined in the application will be implemented as described.

Sincerely,

Dawn Steigauf
School Board Chair