

# Innovation School Plan Submission and Approval Process<sup>(1)</sup>

## STEP 1 - SCHOOL DISTRICT SUBMISSION

The School District submits a School Innovation Plan (ISP) to the local School Board addressing each relevant component of RSA 194-E:2 (III).

## STEP 2 - LOCAL APPROVAL

Upon receipt of a ISP, the local School Board shall hold a public hearing on the ISP. Within 60 days of receipt of the ISP, the local School Board shall either:

- (1) Approve the ISP and seek designation from the State Board of Education (SBOE) under Ed 1501.04; or
- (2) Reject the ISP and provide to the school(s) a written explanation for the basis of the decision as described under RSA 194-E:2(I)(d).

## STEP 3 - STATE REVIEW

Upon approval of an ISP, the local School Board shall submit the ISP to the New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED) - Bureau of Educational Opportunities (BEO) for review and comment. Within 45 days after receipt of the ISP, the BEO shall issue written feedback to the local School Board using the criteria identified in RSA 194-E:3(III), at which point the local School Board may elect to withdraw and resubmit the ISP. After review by NHED, the local School Board(s) shall submit the ISP to the State Board of Education (SBOE) for review.

## STEP 4 - STATE APPROVAL

The SBOE board shall hold a public hearing on the ISP, during which a representative from the BEO and a representative from the local School Board shall be present. Within 60 days of receipt of the ISP, the SBOE shall either approve or reject the ISP based on the elements set forth in RSA 194-E, III-IV, and shall provide written explanation of the decision to the local School Board. If the SBOE rejects the ISP, the local School Board may resubmit an amended ISP to NHED at any time after rejection.

(1) - In accordance with RSA 194-E:2 Local Planning and Approval and RSA 194-E:3 State Approval.