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### **Arlington ISD partners with Arlington Police Department for training simulator**

ARLINGTON, Texas, Aug. 27, 2018 – The Arlington ISD has partnered with the Arlington Police Department on a training simulator. The APD purchased the Ti Training Corp TL-102 simulator for approximately \$95,000 and received approval from the Texas State Review Board to house it at the AISD Dan Dipert Career and Technical Center.

The system has the capability to provide training for up to four people simultaneously on an ultra-wide, high-definition screen. Ti Training Corporation provides 600 initial scenarios that are updated annually. During scenario training, de-escalation and escalation of a suspect's actions may be adjusted throughout the videos to reflect the user's decisions they have made in response to each problem presented. The availability to adjust the interactions during scenarios gives participants the unique ability to utilize critical thinking skills throughout the exercise. The platform can also be utilized for classroom response calculations during lectures via remotes that students input their answers into in order to provide immediate feedback to the instructor and class.

"The addition of this training simulator in the AISD Police Academy will allow our students to graduate exceptionally prepared for college and a future law enforcement career," Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos said. "This hands-on, real-world experience will help our students realize their potential while they're with us."

This system will enhance scenario-based training opportunities for AISD Police Academy students and APD officers. AISD Police Academy students and personnel will have primary use of the system during school hours. The APD will share the use of this facility when not scheduled by school groups during the day and during the evenings, including overnight.

"Reality based training has proven to provide the greatest opportunity for officers to enhance their decision making skills under stressful conditions and improve the likelihood for successful outcomes," Police Chief Will Johnson said. "This technology will expand our current reality based training efforts

while also serving as a tool to begin to develop the decision making skills of our potential future employees through our Hometown Recruiting Program with AISD.”

This is one of several strong community partnerships that support the district and its programs – \$13 million from Tarrant County College for the Arlington Collegiate High School facility; nearly \$2.1 million from Raise Your Hand Texas, the Meadows Foundation, American Express and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Sid Richardson Foundation, and the Rainwater Charitable Foundation for the Emerging Leaders Program; full funding from the Holdsworth Center for leadership training; \$1.1 million from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington for an after-school center within Peach Elementary; \$500,000 from Texas Trust Credit Union for an outdoor performance area at one of the district’s fine arts/dual language academies; more than \$200,000 from Moritz Dealerships for the automotive technology program; \$75,000 Perkins Reserve grant for an Anatomage table; nearly \$100,000 from the Gene and Jerry Jones Family Arlington Youth Foundation for programs including the AISD Back to School Kickoff, a character training initiative for secondary coaches and athletes and funding for all fifth graders to take part in the art tour at AT&T Stadium; \$1.85 million from the Gene and Jerry Jones Arlington Youth Foundation, NFL Foundation, and Hellas Construction to replace the current grass on the field at Workman Junior High School with a synthetic turf surface, as well as upgrade and replace the lighting and scoreboard; and \$135,000 from Dan Dipert for a Steinway Spirio Model B Grand Piano to be located at the AISD Fine Arts Center, scheduled to open in fall 2020.

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY:** Media partners have an opportunity to experience the training simulator on Friday, Aug. 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There would be an opportunity to go through a scenario as a reporter as well as meet Dr. Cavazos and Police Chief Johnson. Coordinate your interest with Leslie Birdow and Lt. Cook with APD.

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