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Sid Richardson Foundation grant helps AISD build future leaders
Grant awarded to train aspiring principals and assistant principals

ARLINGTON, Texas, Jan. 31, 2019 – The Arlington ISD has been awarded an \$80,000 grant from the Sid Richardson Foundation to provide continued operational support for the Emerging Leaders Program, a research-based principal and assistant principal training program.

The Emerging Leaders Program is designed to strengthen the leadership skills of aspiring principals and assistant principals. The program, in partnership with national nonprofit New Leaders, includes a summer induction session, monthly in-person meetings, one-on-one coaching and ongoing webinars that help develop these school leaders' application of learning, which will promote increased student outcomes.

"We are honored to be awarded this grant that will help us continue to provide unique opportunities for leadership development, which is in alignment with the leadership, citizenship and responsibility performance area objectives in the district's *Achieve Today. Excel Tomorrow.* strategic plan," Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos said.

"The Sid Richardson Foundation is pleased to support this important and innovative leadership development program within the Arlington ISD," Sid Richardson Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer Pete Geren said. "Providing a quality education to Texas' students is critical to the future of our state, and this program helps develop leaders in education."

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; \$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; and \$95,000 from the Arlington Police Department for a training simulator for the AISD Police Academy.

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