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## AISD awarded Sid Richardson Foundation grant

ARLINGTON, Texas, July 6, 2016 – The Arlington ISD has been awarded a \$200,000 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."

Initial funding for the Emerging Leaders Program has come from Raise Your Hand Texas (\$1.3 million), the Meadows Foundation (\$90,000), and American Express and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (\$330,000).

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