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FOUR ARLINGTON ISD SCHOOLS NAMED 2016 TEXAS HONOR ROLL SCHOOLS

ARLINGTON, Texas, April 19, 2017 – Arlington Collegiate High School, Shackelford Junior High, and Duff and Little elementaries were named 2016 Texas Honor Roll Schools for demonstrating consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement over time and reduction in achievement gaps.

Educational Results Partnership and the Institute for Productivity in Education identified these four Arlington ISD schools as part of 727 public schools in Texas to receive this title. The Honor Roll is part of a national effort to identify higher-performing schools and highlight successful practices that improve outcomes for students. For high schools, the Honor Roll also includes measures of college readiness.

“This recognition clearly demonstrates that students at Arlington Collegiate High School, Shackelford Junior High, and Duff and Little elementaries are all achieving at an exceptional level,” Arlington ISD Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos said. “We are proud of them for receiving this significant recognition. Without teachers, staff and administrators who work tirelessly, set high expectations and create a positive culture that promotes continuous improvement, this would not be possible.”

Through national research, ERP identified a common set of success factors for higher performing Honor Roll schools and districts, including: aligning clear, specific learning objectives to college and career readiness along with evidence-based instructional practices; establishing a system-wide mission of college and career readiness for all students; investing in human capital, maintaining data and assessment systems to monitor school and student performance; and deploying resources and guidance to support schools’ efforts to prepare all students for college and career.

Other honors include Bailey Junior High and Seguin High School receiving 2017 America's Best Urban Schools Bronze Awards through the National Center for Urban School Transformation, Patrick Elementary being named a Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase School, the AISD fine arts program being named one of the Best Communities for Music Education for the 13th time in recent history, and the district being recognized by Equal Opportunity Schools for helping close access and success gaps in AP and IB programs. Carter Junior High and Bowie and Lamar high schools are AVID National Demonstration Schools.

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