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### **NAACP-initiated lawsuit dismissed**

ARLINGTON, Texas, May 1, 2017 – Earlier today, the NAACP-initiated suit against the AISD regarding Nichols Junior High was dismissed. The judge found the suit to be frivolous, unreasonable and without foundation and awarded the AISD defendants \$14,500 in attorney’s fees against attorneys Stacy Lee Merritt and Jasmine Crockett.

The health and safety of our students and staff remains of the utmost importance. The district has done extensive testing at Nichols and been transparent with the results, sharing them publicly on the Nichols website. The Board and district are confident in the results of both the internal and external testing and analysis by the Arlington Fire Department, two independent environmental labs, two mechanical engineering firms, the Environmental Protection Agency, Tarrant County Public Health and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health that indicate nothing in the building would cause a health risk.

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