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Arlington ISD , Moritz Dealerships partner for automotive technology program

ARLINGTON, Texas, Sept. 15, 2016 – The Arlington ISD has formed a partnership with Moritz Dealerships to design the curriculum and fund all the equipment for the new Moritz Automotive Technology Program at the AISD Career and Technical Center, which will open in fall 2017.

“We are pleased to partner with Moritz Dealerships for this unique program at our new Career and Technical Center,” AISD Superintendent Dr. Marcelo Cavazos said. “This program will prepare 100 students each year to enter the workforce as an entry-level service technician through certification and dual-credit courses.”

The automotive technology program will prepare AISD students to enter the automotive service industry in the areas of brake systems, electrical systems, engine performance, and steering and suspensions systems. Students in the two-year program will gain knowledge and skills in the repair, maintenance and diagnosis of vehicle systems while they reinforce, apply and transfer academic knowledge and skills through problem-solving activities related to the operation of a variety of vehicles. Students will also have the opportunity to earn OSHA and Automotive Service Excellence certifications.

“Partnering with the district to provide this unique opportunity for students will equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to build brighter futures,” said John David Moritz, president of Moritz Dealerships.

The Moritz Automotive Technology Program 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; \$1.1 million from the Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington for an after-school center within a new campus; \$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 \$350,000 from the North Central Texas Council of Governments for two deceleration lanes and a traffic light at a new elementary school; and 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.

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