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New Tech Network Awards Planning Grants to Schools in Six Texas School Districts
Education Nonprofit Provides Resources for School Leaders to Design and Transform to Project-Based Learning Model

AUSTIN — February 19, 2020 — New Tech Network (NTN), a leading design partner for comprehensive K – 12 school change, has awarded Planning Grants to six new Texas school districts this month after providing the grants previously to ten districts as an opportunity to explore the nonprofit’s innovative school model.

The Planning Grants allow public and charter school leaders to explore how to transform current classrooms into student-centered, project-based classrooms. The grant does not require any financial commitment from winners; instead, planning grants cover exploratory costs including up to $3,000 in travel-related expenses and participation in the New Tech Network’s School Design Academy. The grant unlocks access to research materials, project plans, and an interactive and supportive community of educators.

By transitioning to and meeting benchmarks of the NTN model, school leaders also have the opportunity to gain access to additional Texas state education funding per pupil.

House Bill 3 (HB 3), passed during the 86th Legislative session, specifies a financial incentive for engaging in school design and professional development with NTN. In the Career and Technology Education (CTE) section of HB 3, school campuses that are NTN members qualify for an additional $50 per student allotment.

The following districts include one or more schools that have received a 2020 New Tech Network Planning Grant:

- Aldine Independent School District
- Beaumont Independent School District
- Frisco Independent School District
- Leander Independent School District
- Liberty Hill Independent School District
- Robstown Independent School District

These grant winners join a number of Fall 2019 Planning Grant award winners who are already in the process of executing their school transformation strategy with NTN.

To learn more about NTN in Texas, please visit: https://newtechnetwork.org/texas.
About New Tech Network

New Tech Network, a national nonprofit organization, is a leading design partner for comprehensive K-12 school change. NTN has successfully guided over 200 schools and districts in 28 states with a whole school, systemic approach where student skills are valued as much as test scores. New Tech Network provides professional development and coaching for teachers and school leaders to inspire and engage all students through authentic and challenging work. The New Tech school model features multiple student learning outcomes combined with pervasive project-based learning, an inclusive school-wide culture and the real-world use of technology tools and resources.

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