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## **AISD UNVEILS CUTTING-EDGE 'FUTURES INITIATIVE' TO EQUIP STUDENTS FOR TOMORROW'S TECH WORLD**

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**Austin, Texas** – This August, Austin ISD is set to launch its groundbreaking 'Futures Initiative,' a district-wide program designed to equip students with critical skills in technology, innovation, and STEM. This program, set to begin in August 2024, will be implemented districtwide and is a crucial step to help prepare students for future careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

“The Future Initiative program seeks to transform how students learn by fostering technological proficiency and encouraging innovation, creativity and critical thinking,” said Dr. Maria Hernandez, superintendent of Austin Independent School District.

“This new program represents our commitment to preparing AISD students not just for higher education but for success in a rapidly evolving technological landscape. We believe that by implementing this program, we are guiding our students to lead in innovation,” Hernandez added.

In addition to classroom initiatives, the "Futures Initiative," in partnership with leading technology companies, will provide exceptional opportunities, including mentorships, internships, and hands-on experience with real-world projects. These partnerships aim to bridge the gap between classroom learning and industry demands, ensuring that students are equipped for their future endeavors. In addition, the program will introduce digital literacy workshops and innovation labs, giving students access to resources like 3D printers, virtual reality and other tools to facilitate hands-on learning.

Imagine a classroom where students are building their own robots or designing prototypes with 3D printers—this is the future that AISD's 'Futures Initiative' will deliver.

The approach of the "Futures Initiative" is designed to inspire students across all grade levels. Enhanced professional development for teachers will ensure they are equipped to deliver the new

curriculum effectively. The initiative also includes community engagement programs to involve parents and local partners, fostering a collaborative effort to support students in this new learning journey.

For more information about the "Futures Initiative" and to see how AISD is preparing the next generation of innovators, please visit [<https://www.austinisd.org/>] or contact us at the details below.

**About Austin Independent School District:**

Austin Independent School District (AISD) is committed to educating the next generation of leaders through innovative programs and a focus on equitable access to learning. Serving more than 70,000 students across 116 schools, AISD strives to provide every student with the tools they need to succeed in higher education, their future careers and beyond.

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