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CREED FUNDS OVER \$100K IN SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EPISD TEACHERS

Education non-profit continues to invest in El Paso's largest school district, helping more teachers attain dual credit certifications

(EL PASO, Texas) - Today, the Council on Regional Economic Expansion and Educational Development (CREEED) presented the El Paso Independent School District (EPISD) with a \$100,000 grant to help more students graduate from high school prepared to thrive in college.

The funding will support scholarships for 50 EPISD teachers as part of CREEED's Accelerated Certification of Teachers (ACT El Paso) scholarship program. The initiative helps high school teachers complete master's degree programs in their subject areas, enabling them to be certified to teach dual-credit courses throughout EPISD.

"This initiative aligns with our efforts to invest in teacher development, as well as our goal to set up more students for success in college, said Richard A. Castro, Chairman of CREEED. "Students who take dual credit classes can save time towards earning their college degrees and ultimately save money, lifting that financial burden off themselves and their families."

The ACT El Paso scholarship fund has supported 365 area teachers since 2015, if those teachers successfully complete the credentialing process, there would be double the number of teachers and dual credit courses that are being offered to our eligible student population. The \$100,000 awarded to EPISD supports nearly five times as many EPISD teachers as their previous grant in 2017.

"You know the expression about teaching someone to fish? This is even better -- it's teaching someone to teach others how to fish," said EPISD Superintendent Juan Cabrera, "Thanks to CREEED's generous grant, this year we will be able to support 50 of our teachers who are studying to become certified in dual credit courses. Those 50 teachers will then help hundreds of students earn college credit while they are still in high school."

“Our commitment to increase the number of students in our community who are successfully pursuing and obtaining a college degree or credential is reflected in everything we do at CREEED,” said Executive Director Eddie Rodriguez, “We recognize the barriers students in our region are facing and that’s why we are going to continue to invest our resources into initiatives and best practices that lead to better outcomes for students.”

To find out more about CREEED’s ACT El Paso scholarship fund, [please click here](#).

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