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## **Board to consider expanding virtual reality programs to advance HISD's Career and Technical Education**

*Oct. 8, 2019* – Students pursuing Career and Technical Education (CTE) in the Houston Independent School District may soon be provided with additional virtual reality and augmented reality tools if HISD's Board of Education approves the purchase of more technology.

**The board's regular monthly meeting begins at 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 10, in the Manuel Rodríguez Jr. Board Auditorium of the Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center, 4400 W. 18th St., 77092. Click [here](#) to view the full agenda.**

The \$400,000 purchase for products, services, and software would represent a significant leap in HISD's current augmented reality and virtual reality offerings. The technology would be installed at Barbara Jordan Career Center and Austin and Yates high schools. Students studying CTE courses such as health science, welding, automotive, and maritime would be able to see 3-D images, giving them a 360-degree view of objects such as automotive parts, the human heart or underwater equipment.

The Board of Trustees will also consider approving additional training services and equipment for the aviation program at Sterling Aviation Early College High School, and the purchase of additional equipment and supplies for use districtwide in CTE cosmetology programs.

Also, on Thursday, trustees will consider accepting a \$90,000 grant from Qatar Foundation International to support instruction, programs, and activities for students at HISD's Arabic Immersion Magnet School.

The board will also take up a resolution on polling locations for the November 5 school board election for single-member Districts II, III, IV and VIII.

**The board meeting will be broadcast live online at [www.hisd.tv](http://www.hisd.tv) and on HISD TV (Xfinity channel 18 or AT&T U-verse Channel 99).**

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