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St. Pius X Catholic School to unveil new SmartLab funded by the GEER Assistance to Private Schools Grant Program

Dallas, *Tx.*, (October 12, 2023) – St. Pius X Catholic School, a Catholic educational institution located in far east Dallas, is excited to announce the unveiling of its state-of-the-art SmartLab, made possible through the generous funding provided by the GEER Assistance to Private Schools (GAPS) Grant Program. This innovative addition to our campus represents a significant step forward in enhancing the learning experience for our students. It is a testament to our commitment to providing cutting-edge education.

The unveiling of the SmartLab will take place on November 12, 2023, at the school's open house. The lab is a dynamic and multifunctional learning space designed to empower students with 21st-century skills. The GAPS Grant Program, an initiative dedicated to supporting private schools like St. Pius, has enabled SPX to create an environment that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and hands-on learning.

Key features of our new SmartLab include:

- Cutting-edge technology, including the latest technological tools and software.
- Multidisciplinary learning from robotics and coding to multimedia production and graphic design.
- Collaborative space to encourage teamwork, promoting communications and problemsolving skills.

We are profoundly grateful to the GEER Assistance to Private Schools (GAPS) Grant Program for its financial support, making this project a reality. This investment not only benefits our current students but will also positively impact generations to come.

St. Pius X is a Catholic educational institution founded in 1955 that provides a top-notch education grounded in the values of faith and spirituality. With a history of excellence in

education, SPX continues to adapt to the changing needs of its students, preparing them for success in a rapidly evolving world. To learn more about St. Pius X Catholic School, visit spxdallasschool.org.

The Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER) Assistance to Private Schools (GAPS) grant program was authorized by the Office of the Governor (OOG) to provide funding to non-public schools to address COVID-19 related activities associated with safely reopening schools, continuing instruction, addressing learning loss, promoting school safety, and supporting educational technology. To learn more, visit https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants/geer-assistance-to-private-schools-gaps-grant-program.

SmartLab Learning is developed by Creative Learning Systems. Since 1987, Creative Learning Systems has pioneered converting traditional learning environments to project-based learning experiences. Today, CLS partners with the most innovative school leaders nationwide to implement learning solutions that increase a student's capacity through engaged, active, and social problem-solving. Their mission is to ensure that today's students will be tomorrow's leaders, prepared and ready to solve the complex challenges in our ever-changing world. Learn more at smartlablearning.com.

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