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New wireless computer lab encourages higher level thinking, reasoning minds

J. Erik Jonsson Community School this fall is the first school in Dallas to implement an innovative Web-based learning environment called *Reasoning Mind*. Equipped to travel from room to room, the mobile computer lab has one goal in mind: help students build a solid foundation for logical reasoning skills required in learning and excelling in mathematics.

The wireless lab makes learning especially easy for students, as the program can go to them, versus the children going to a separate computer lab to continue their learning.

Made possible by generous grants from the Høglund Foundation and the George and Fay Young Foundation, students

work daily on wireless laptop computers to practice and build their math skills. Similar to a real-life math tutor that specifically tailors lessons to each student's abilities, *Reasoning Mind* enables the laboratory school students to learn how to think and reason while practicing the basic math concepts they learn.

"Our team was really excited to be the first in Dallas to introduce students to this technology," said Sandy Nobles, principal, J. Erik Jonsson Community School. "This innovative approach fosters deeper understanding of math concepts, not to mention is fun for the students."

"Høglund Foundation's support for the creation of the *Reasoning Mind*

model was farsighted and most helpful to educators seeking to improve their students' mastery of mathematical principles," said Kent Skipper, executive director, Salesmanship Club Youth and Family Centers. "Our school has always been on the cutting edge, and it wouldn't be possible without generous support from friends and partners like Høglund and Young Foundations."

The Institute for Excellence in Urban Education will be sharing this dynamic new part of the school's design with the growing number of schools with which it collaborates for training and consultation.

For more information on *Reasoning Mind*, email info@reasoningmind.org.