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### **Oaks, Serrano, and Vernon Middle Schools Receive Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) Site of Distinction Award**

Ontario-Montclair School District is proud to announce that for the second year, the AVID Center awarded Oaks, Serrano and Vernon Middle Schools the AVID Site of Distinction.

OMSD Board President Elvia M. Rivas stated, "Oaks, Serrano, and Vernon Middle Schools have undergone a rigorous validation process to ensure high levels of AVID implementation is taking place school-wide. This outstanding accomplishment was achieved through the dedicated collaboration of all staff members at these three schools who are dedicated to the future academic success of each of our students. The Board of Trustees is proud that for the second year, Oaks, Serrano, and Vernon Middle Schools have joined a very select group of schools designated as an AVID Site of Distinction!"

AVID is school-wide when a strong AVID system transforms the Instruction, Systems, Leadership, and Culture of a school, ensuring college readiness for all AVID students and improved academic performance for all students based on increased opportunities. Sites earn this prestigious award by meeting three Process Metrics and two Impact Metrics to implement AVID strategies school-wide.

The Process Metrics to achieve Site of Distinction are:

- 60 percent or more of teachers are AVID trained;
- 70 percent or more of teachers are routinely using Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading (WICOR) strategies; and
- 50 percent or more of teachers are both on the Leadership Team and the AVID Site Team.

The Impact Metrics are:

- 60 percent of all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are enrolled in at least one course of rigor; and
- 70 percent of all 7<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are taking a pre-collegiate exam.

**"Our Community, Our Children, Our Commitment, Our Future"**