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Vernon Middle School Receives National Recognition for High Performance

The Ontario-Montclair School District is proud to announce that Vernon Middle School has been recently recognized as a National Demonstration School by AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination).

This outstanding accomplishment was achieved through the dedicated collaboration of all staff members at this school, who are dedicated to the future academic success of each of our students. Vernon Middle School joins approximately 200 other AVID National Demonstration Schools and was selected through a rigorous assessment process that includes a screening evaluation and site visit.

During the school's revalidation visit observation, Vernon Middle School demonstrated to have a high functioning AVID team combined with the leadership team that supports the culture of continual improvement. A high level of involvement by the principal and district to support AVID was evident along with a high level of commitment by the district to support and sustain professional learning. The school also exhibited to have expanded offering of rigorous courses at a middle school level to ensure students are prepared to take, and have access to the highest courses of rigor in high school.

"Congratulations to the Vernon Middle School community. We are thrilled to have Vernon be recognized as a national demonstration school by AVID. This is a result of the collaborative efforts from our wonderful teachers, classified support staff, administrators and parents to encourage our students to think critically, work together and solve real-world problems." Stated OMSD Board President Elvia M. Rivas.

AVID is a nonprofit, proven college-readiness system that closes the opportunity gap. Today, more than 8,000 schools in more than 1,300 districts rely on AVID in 49 states across the U.S., plus schools in Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), Canada, and Australia. AVID impacts more than two million students in grades K-12 and those attending two- or four-year colleges and universities. The AVID College and Career Readiness System transforms a school's academic culture by increasing the number of students who enroll in postsecondary experiences leading to a college degree and/or successful transition into the workforce.

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