



# PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN PARAMOUNT SCHOOLS



## LCAP Highlight: AVID Excel

Board of Education Meeting  
January 14, 2019

Dr. Ruth Pérez, Superintendent  
Dr. Deborah Stark, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services  
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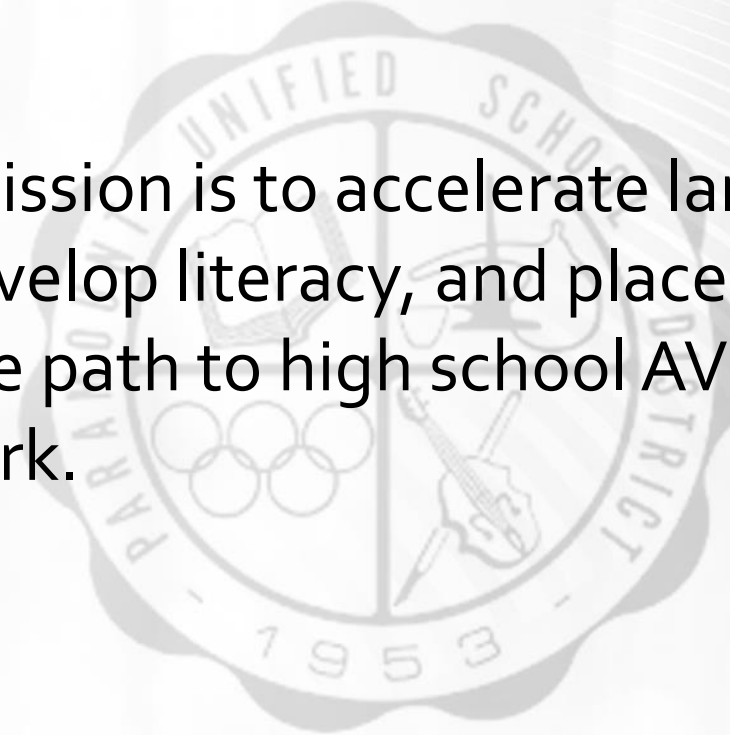
## What is AVID?

- Structured approach to prepare students for college and careers
- Teaches academic and social skills
- Provides intensive support with in-class tutors and a strong student/teacher relationship
- Teaches organizational skills
- Creates college awareness and outlines necessary steps to be college-ready



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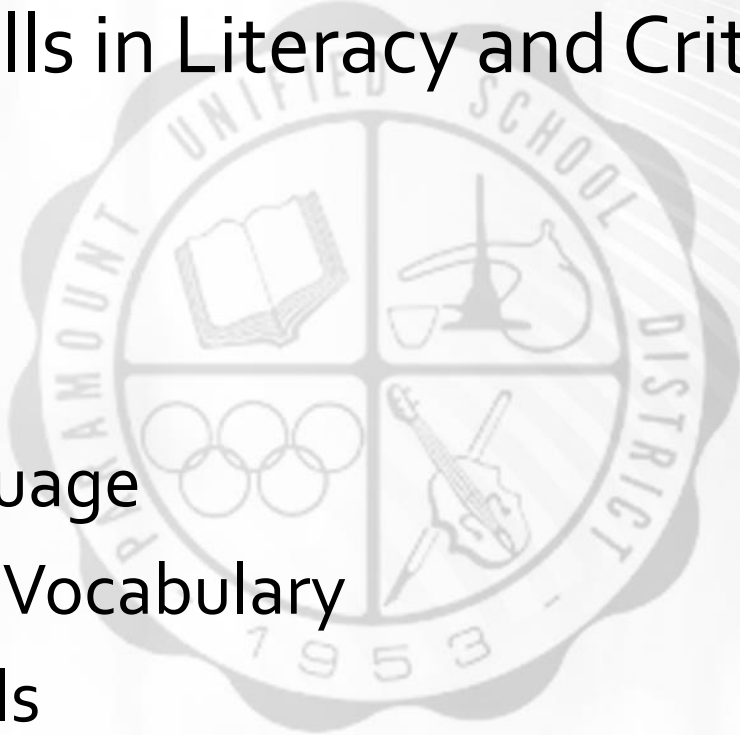
- AVID Excel is a middle school AVID elective course designed specifically for **Long Term English Learners**.
- AVID Excel strategies are implemented in content courses.
- This school year, at least one 7<sup>th</sup> grade AVID Excel Elective is offered at each middle school.



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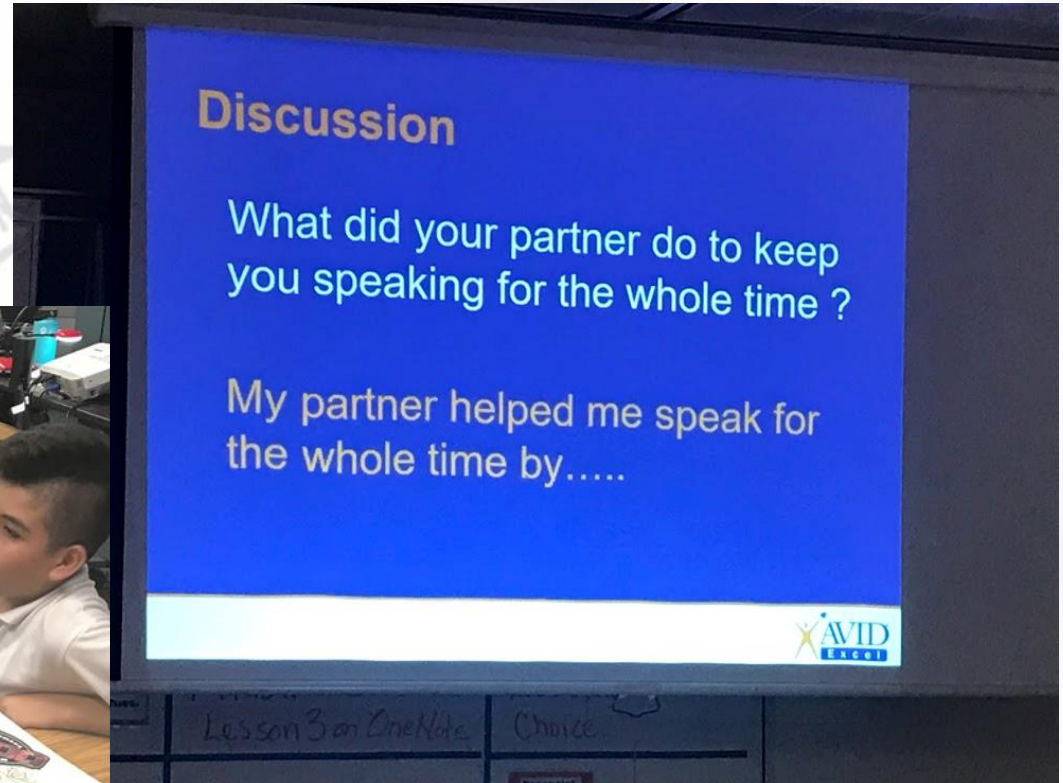
## Develops Skills in Literacy and Critical Thinking

- Reading
- Writing
- Oral Language
- Academic Vocabulary
- Study Skills
- Self-determination and Leadership

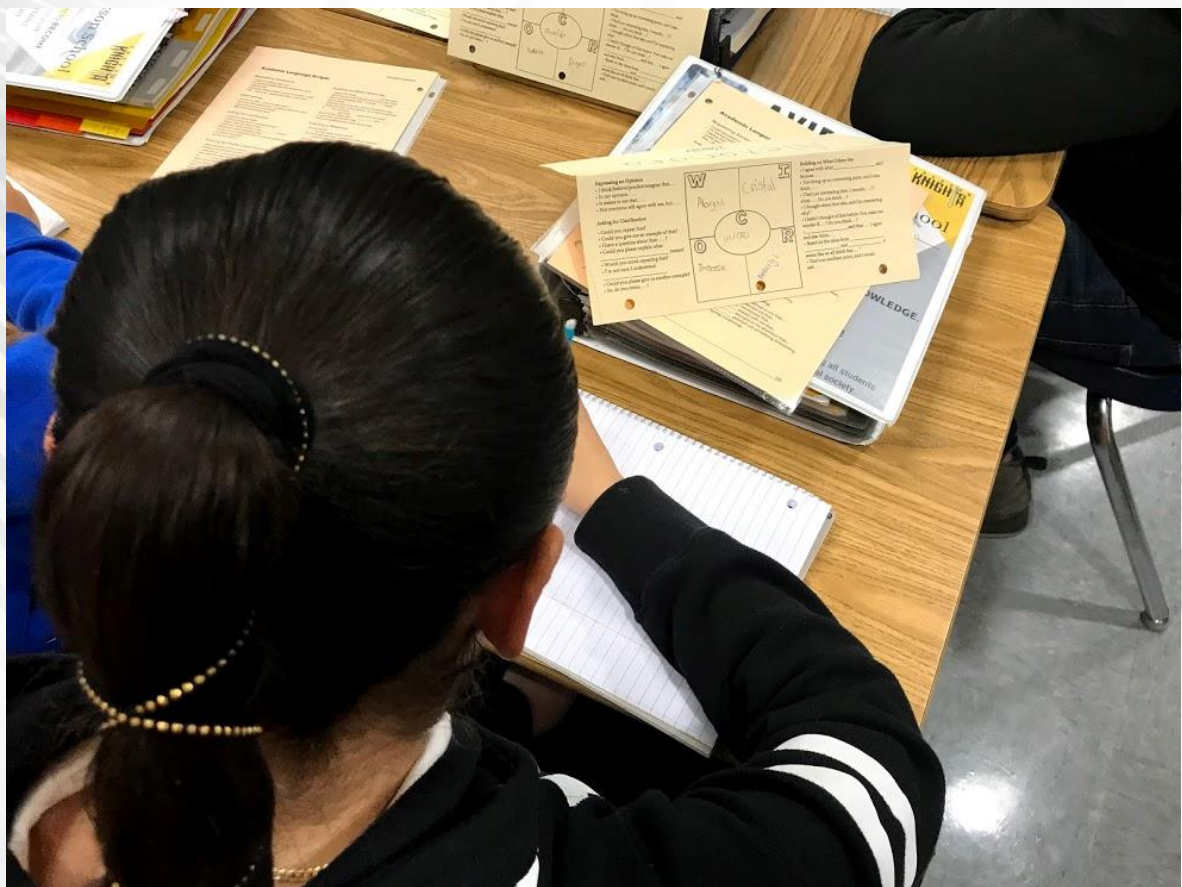




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Students regularly practice listening and speaking skills.



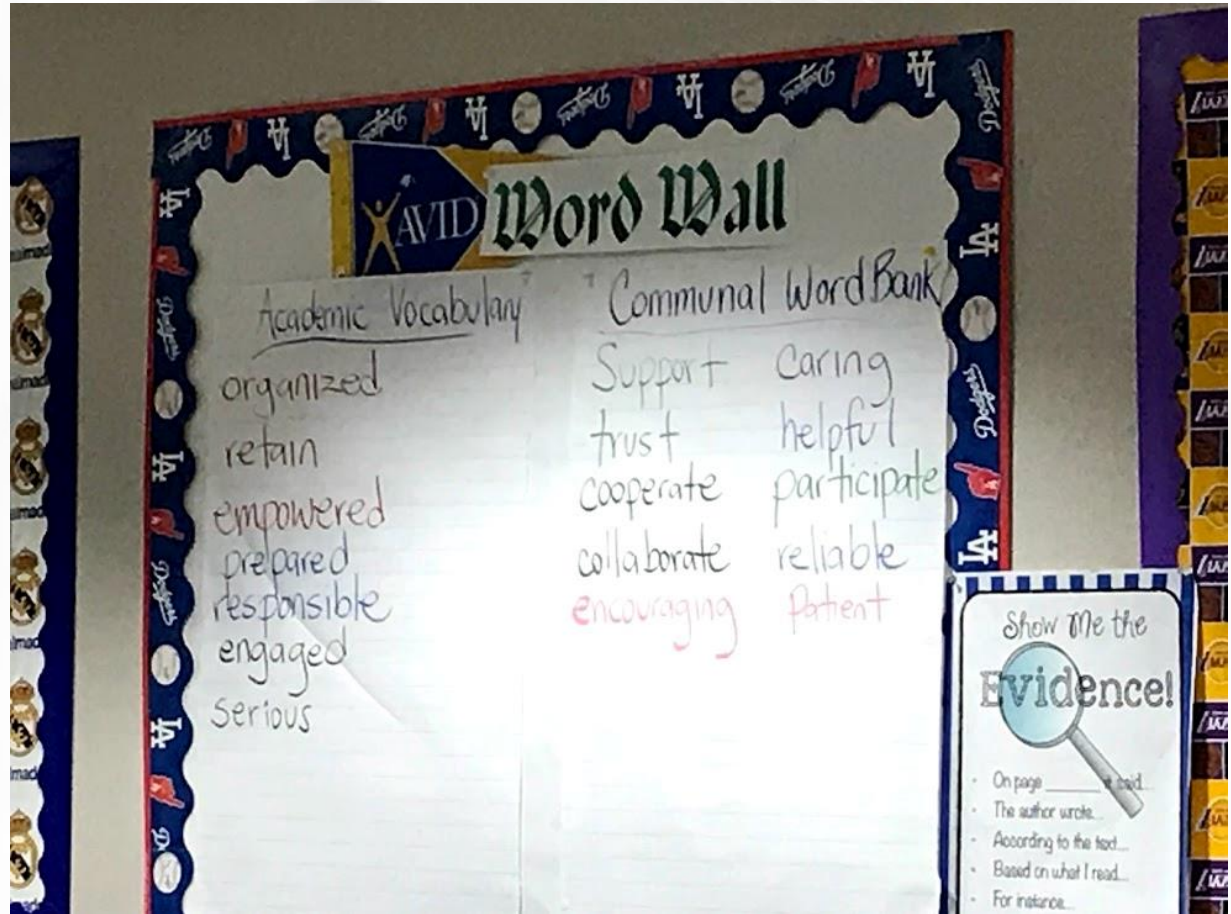
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Students access tools to support critical reading and writing in all academic content areas.



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Vocabulary instruction supports academic success across all content areas.

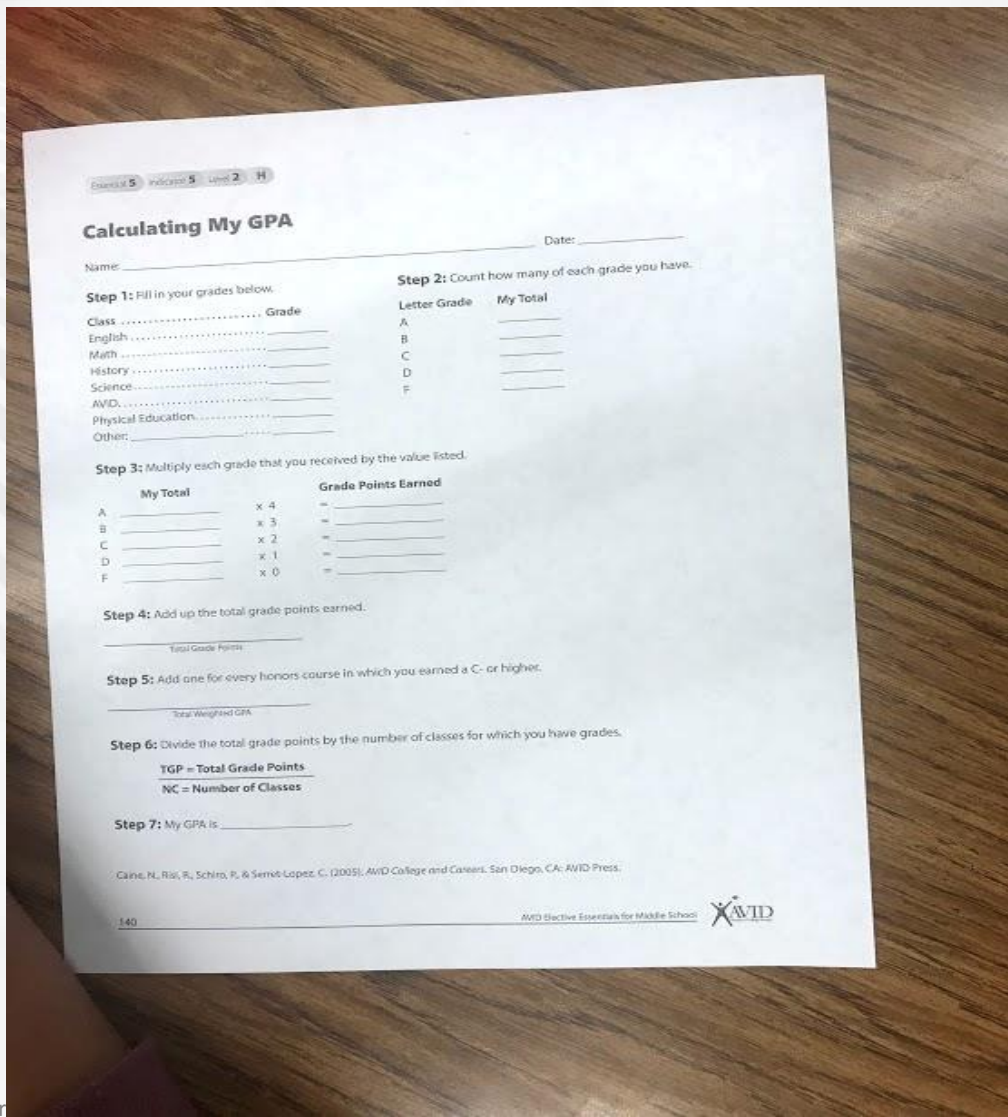




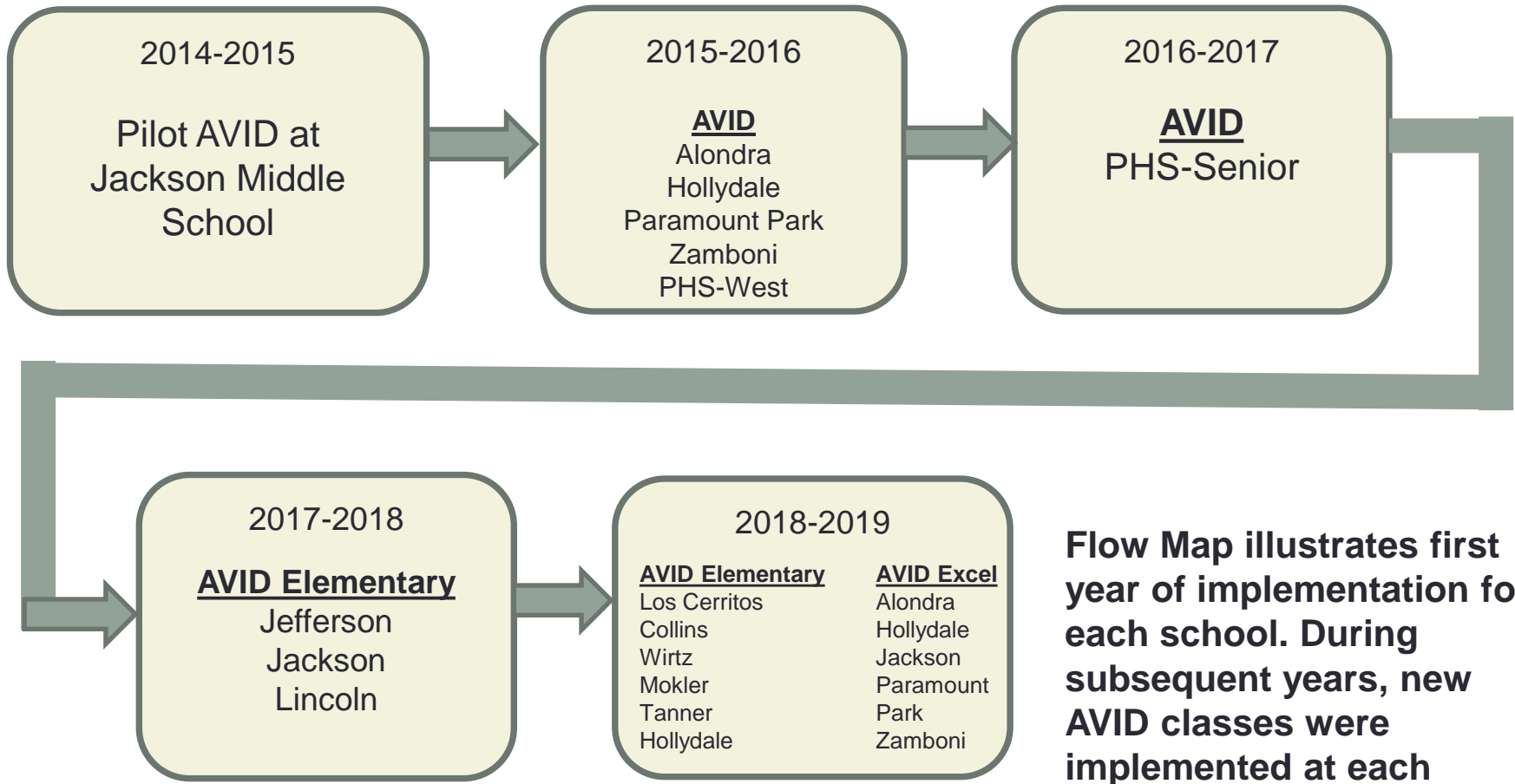


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Students learn the importance of preparing for college at a young age. They begin to use tools that will support college success.



# AVID Implementation in PUSD



**Flow Map illustrates first year of implementation for each school. During subsequent years, new AVID classes were implemented at each school (not shown).**



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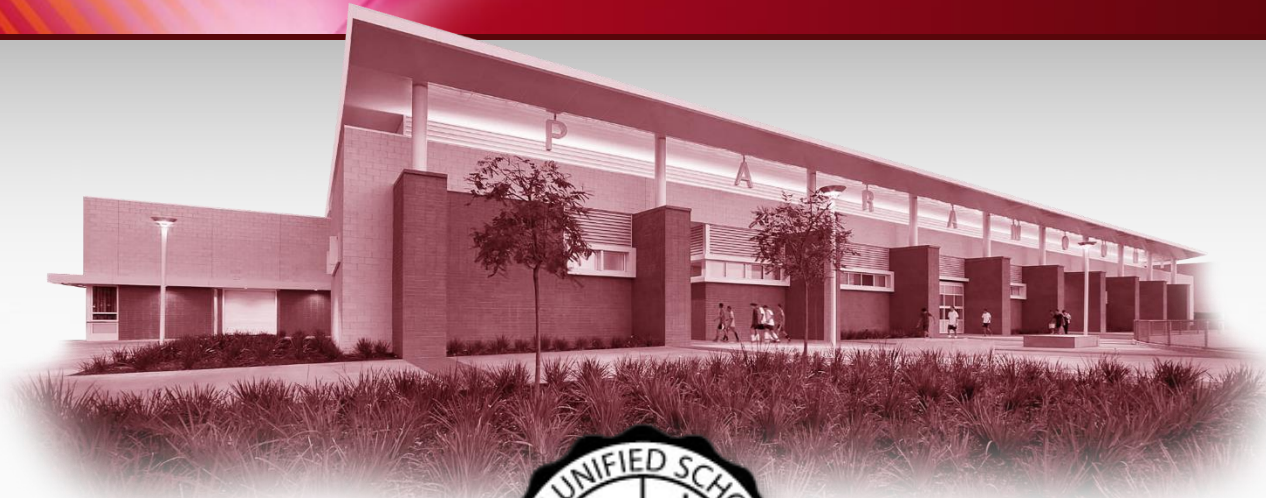
- Middle school principals and staff visited local AVID Excel schools.
- AVID Excel professional development was hosted at PUSD to prepare for AVID Excel Summer Bridge, which is a 2-week summer school program for all AVID Excel students.
- AVID Excel teachers attended 3-day AVID Summer Institute.
- At least four content teachers from each middle school attended 2-day summer Academic Language Literacy professional development to support AVID Excel students across content areas.
- AVID Excel teachers attended 2 follow-up professional development sessions during the 2018-2019 school year.



## AVID Excel Next Steps

- Continue Professional Development with AVID Excel teachers and content teachers.
- Evaluate the impact of AVID Excel by examining reclassification rates and LCAP survey data.
- Expand AVID Excel at middle schools to include 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the 2019-2020 school year.
- AVID Excel will be included in the 2019-2020 LCAP.

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