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Re: AVID Philadelphia Trip
AVID Summer Institute

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Dear prospective supporters,

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. New Bern High School began its journey with AVID during the 2013-2014 school year. A team of determined and forward-thinking educators believed in the processes and structures AVID teaches and supports (focused note-taking, organization, collaboration, and countless other 21st century skills) were worth bringing to the students of New Bern High. Our first AVID cohort walked through our doors during the 2014-2015 school year and found themselves walking across the stage at graduation last June.

Fast forward to 2018-2019, AVID is now in all (3) traditional high schools, (2) middle schools, and (1) elementary school with plans to continue implementing AVID in other schools throughout the Craven County School District. Furthermore, New Bern High School has gone “AVID school-wide” and is working towards being recognized as a National Demonstration Site.

Just recently, May 1st, AVID announced their list of key note speakers for the (12) Summer Institutes of 2019. **Our very own Mrs. Gayle Hardy was chosen from over 1,000 applicants as the only teacher to speak at the AVID National Summer Institute in Philadelphia this July.** Part of the application process included writing an essay and participating in an interview.

At New Bern High School, we pride ourselves on our supportive and familial culture; thus, we present our plan for supporting both Mrs. Hardy and NBHS AVID. We would like to provide an opportunity for (40) of our students (**the first 10 AVID elective students from each grade level to return the completed required forms**) and (10) staff chaperones to go on a whirlwind trip to Philadelphia to hear Mrs. Hardy's speech and cheer her on in person. While in the “City of Brotherly Love”, our students will also have the opportunity to eat at the famous Reading Terminal Market, visit a local museum, and finally take a tour of Independence Hall and Independence Park where they will see the Liberty Bell up close and personal (additional itinerary information may be found on the field trip forms attached).

New Bern High would like to provide this once in a lifetime opportunity at no cost to our students. So, community members, business partners, and family members we need your help to make this happen for our students. With the help of PIE, Partners In Education, we have set up a [GoFundMe account](#). The link may be found on our **Facebook & Twitter** pages, as well as on our **New Bern High School website**. **The cost of a charter bus, since the group will be traveling a long distance, is approximately \$6,300. A trip to a local museum, and a \$30 per diem per student for (3) meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) would also be included. This brings the total cost for the trip to \$8,000.** Any donation or sponsorship of a student would be greatly appreciated and allow for us to see our plan to fruition. We thank you in advance for any and all support you might be able to provide and look forward to sharing our Summer Institute experience with you upon our return.