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Media Release

Hillsboro to Receive College and Career Support Through Nike School Innovation Fund

All four Hillsboro high schools to benefit from a grant of more than \$220,000 to support AVID expansion

March 25, Hillsboro, OR – Hillsboro School District is pleased to continue its partnership with the [Nike School Innovation Fund](#) (NSIF) with its most recent grant award of \$222,880 to support the expansion of AVID—Advancement Via Individual Determination—programs at Century, Glencoe, Hillsboro, and Liberty High Schools.

NSIF's initial mission was to support early learning and leadership development in the Beaverton, Hillsboro, and Portland Public School Districts; however, they have expanded their focus to include schools statewide and aim to support those schools in their efforts to increase the number of students who are graduating on time and who are prepared to succeed in college and career.

Hillsboro high schools were among 50 statewide that were awarded grants to support:

- Rigorous instruction and programming for all students with coaching and support from AVID and other NSIF consultants or programs;
- Best practice training at a professional development summer institute for teachers, counselors, and principals (Hillsboro will send 120 staff members);
- School leadership training; and
- Program materials and support from Nike leaders in partnership with the Oregon-based EPIC (Educational Policy Improvement Center).

AVID programs are currently in place at each Hillsboro high school and middle school, and have proven to be extremely effective in providing students with both the learning strategies and support to select more rigorous courses, increase their achievement, and apply for college or other post-secondary programs. These programs are particularly useful for students who are first-generation college-goers.

“We are extremely grateful to the Nike School Innovation Fund for their ongoing commitment to improving education in Oregon,” noted Superintendent Mike Scott. “Their current focus on enhancing college- and career-readiness aligns perfectly with Hillsboro’s efforts in this area.”

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