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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

**FROM:** Janet Barresi

**DATE:** July 25, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) College Readiness System

Presentation and video regarding AVID's mission to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

The purpose of the AVID program is to close the achievement gap for minority and nontraditional AP students by advancing those students into rigorous coursework while providing support. AVID teachers work in teams, which receive extensive training. Schools provide tutors for their AVID students as part of a support system. Successful schools will see an increase in the number of minority students taking AP classes and exams as well as an increase in qualifying scores on those exams.

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