States and districts requiring confirmation of Tier 2 evidence of effectiveness by the What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) for the use of ESSA funding can now add AVID to their list of eligible support providers!

A study, titled *AVID Participation in High School and Post-Secondary Success: An Evaluation and Cost Analysis* (Todhunter-Reid et al., 2020), had its findings confirmed by WWC reviewers and was rated as a Tier 2 study with statistically significant positive effects providing moderate evidence of effectiveness (see explanation below).

**Study Overview**

- **Key Findings**
  - AVID students graduated high school at a significantly higher rate than matched non-AVID students.
  - AVID students enrolled in college at a significantly higher rate than matched non-AVID students the fall semester following high school graduation.

- **Setting and Sample**
  - The study was conducted with students in grades 9–12 in public high schools in Palm Beach County, Florida.
  - The sample included a total of 10,397 students: 1,157 students who enrolled in AVID for at least 1 year and 9,240 matched comparison students.
  - Most students in the study sample were Black (55%) or Hispanic (29%), eligible for free or reduced-price lunch (79%), and female (51%).

**What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) Determination**

- **The WWC gave both reported findings their highest rating of: Statistically Significant Positive Effects**
  - Note: The WWC characterizes findings in a study using the following categories:
    - Statistically significant positive effects
    - Substantively important positive effects
    - Indeterminate effects
    - Substantively important negative effects
    - Statistically significant negative effects

- **The WWC rated this study as providing: Tier 2 – Moderate Evidence of Effectiveness**
  - Note: The WWC ranks studies using the following tiered system of effectiveness:
    - Tier 1 – Strong Evidence (e.g., Randomized Control Trial RCT with significant results)
    - Tier 2 – Moderate Evidence (e.g., Quasi-Experimental Design, matched subjects, with significant results)
    - Tier 3 – Promising Evidence (e.g., Correlational Study with statistical controls for bias)
    - Tier 4 – Demonstrates a Rationale (e.g., Well-defined logic, with research evaluation in progress)