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FACT SHEET:

“Our mission is to provide a safe and secure learning environment that promotes a rigorous curriculum and enables our students to develop the necessary academic, technical, and work-related skills of the 21st century. Every student who graduates will be prepared to pursue college or any career to which he/she aspires.”

Where we are:

* Northernmost part of Los Angeles County
* Border Kern, Ventura, and San Bernardino Counties
* 1200 square miles
* Aerospace/military and government largest employers
* Solar and renewable energy capitol

What we are made up of:

* Eight comprehensive high schools
* Four alternative schools
* One early college high school
* Adult Education
* Single district ROP
* Students come from eight different elementary school districts

Whom we serve:

* 25,500 high school students
* 54% Hispanic/Latino
* 19% Caucasian
* 18% African American
* 9% Other
* Title I District, with over 65% of students on Free and Reduced Lunch

Connection to the Community:

* Average enrollment at comprehensive high schools is 2700
* Employ approximately 2000 people; 8th largest employer in the area
* Employer Advisory Board for career technical education has been in place since 1989
* Home-grown employees concept
* 30 AVUHSD/AVROP courses are articulated with 40 courses at Antelope Valley College; courses also articulated with Mt. San Antonio College (2), Riverside City College (1), and Citrus College (1).
* 3000 students qualified for articulation credit for 2011-2012 school year (at AVC)
* 17 CTE courses currently have UC a-g approval for the 2012-2013 school year

Student Achievement Data:

* Steady growth in API: 3 points in 2012 to 696
* Schools range from 493 (continuation school) to 945 (early college high school)
* Academy students outperform district and school sites on CAHSEE tests

Academies and Pathways:

* Six California Partnership Academies
* Pathways at every school
* Alignment of pathways across the district

“We continue to strive for academic excellence for all, and the progress shown in the recent assessment results represents the hard work taking place at our schools. Programs for students built upon the concepts of a rigorous curriculum, extra support and emphasis on the teaching/learning process are the foundation of our many successful programs such as Career Academies and Pathways, STEM Programs, AVID and SOAR.“ -

 *Dr. David Vierra, Superintendent*