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Dear Dr. Phillips:

On behalf of the AVID program, we are happy to endorse the Cal-PASS intersegmental data-sharing project, which will allow us to collect important information about the efficacy of our program. We look forward to using this data to help AVID schools evaluate the usefulness of specific targeted interventions. Moreover, Cal-PASS data can be used by faculty from the high schools, colleges and universities to better prepare students for college coursework, the goal of the AVID program.

We commend Cal-PASS for addressing issues of confidentiality and security effectively by removing the potential to identify individuals. This has been the major obstacle in sharing student data with other institutions. Cal-PASS is the only vehicle in California, of which we're aware, for collecting student information in an anonymous, FERPA-compliant manner that can then be shared with partner institutions.

Sincerely,

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