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EVSC Partners with Equal Opportunity Schools

Thanks to the generosity of local donors and national funding, the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation has partnered with Equal Opportunity Schools which will allow the EVSC's five traditional high schools to expand student access of advanced-level courses such as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Dual-credit courses.

As an EOS partner, the EVSC joins less than one percent of diverse schools across the country that receive match-funded technical assistance to close participation gaps and offer more access to their district's most rigorous courses.

“By partnering with EOS, we can better expand the opportunity for additional students to take advanced-level courses,” said EVSC Superintendent David Smith. “We have been focused for several years now to not only increase the number of students taking advanced level courses, but also to increase their success in those courses. While we have seen consistent growth in both areas, this new partnership will allow us to better expand the diversity of students taking these more rigorous courses which will set them up for success as they enter the workforce or higher education.”

EVSC high schools are among the 125 new schools selected for participation in 2019-20. Through a four year long partnership, EOS will support schools by providing field-leading data analysis to measure student- and school-specific causes of participation gaps, develop a comprehensive strategy for addressing those causes, and by fall 2020 transition all of the historically underrepresented students who have been identified as likely to benefit from AP, IB and Dual-Credit into one of these course opportunities. Once there, students will benefit from plans EOS and the schools develop to ensure their success.

Equal Opportunity Schools has partnered with more than 600 high schools and 200 school districts across the nation to provide the opportunity for more students to succeed in rigorous high school courses. “The EVSC/EOS equity partnership will, in particular, give low income and students of color keys to doors of opportunity that they did not know existed.” said EOS Regional Director of Strategic

Initiatives, Dr. Nicholas D. Wahl. Substantial research indicates students who take advanced-level courses receive a number of benefits and significantly increase their chances of future success, both in college and career.

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