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Dear Parents,

Greetings from the FCHS family and are pleased to inform you that our AVID/Scholars Program at Falls Church High School is now open for candidates for the upcoming school year. We are a Nationally Certified Demonstration Site, one of three on the entire east coast. AVID students at FCHS have college as a goal, are motivated to succeed in school, would like teacher and tutor support to achieve their academic goals, have families that support their goals, and are enrolled in college preparatory courses, especially mathematics and foreign languages. If your student is accepted to our program, his/her elective course will be changed to read AVID, for which he/she will receive one elective credit.

AVID/Scholars students learn study, organizational, and time management skills. There is also focus on note taking, writing, research, library, computer, and career skills. Please commend your student for their good work and work habits and recommendation for our college preparatory program.

In addition to direct instruction in the AVID/Scholars curriculum, college students, high school students and volunteers will provide tutorial assistance. These tutors will work with students in small groups and individually. The tutors will use students' notes and questions from their academic classes to help the students understand and learn course material. Tutors will not give students the answers to their questions; instead, they will help them work together to discover the answers. Because our AVID/Scholars tutors are successful high school and college students, they become excellent role models. They keep the students aware of academic expectations at the high school and college levels.

The final goal of the AVID/Scholars Program is to inform your child of educational, career, and cultural opportunities. Your student will hear speakers who will inspire and inform them. Your student will be introduced to college representatives and visitors, and notified of college-related opportunities. Students will also learn to use the school's computer lab and media center as resources for their academic work.

We will start interviews in the upcoming weeks with students who have been recommended to our program. If you have a student you would like to have considered for our program or if you have any questions concerning the AVID/Scholars Program, please contact us at the above address or phone number. We are looking forward to working with our students.

Respectfully,

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