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## Covina-Valley Unified School District Receives Funding Through A-G Completion Improvement Grant

**COVINA** – Covina-Valley Unified School District has been awarded more than \$1 million in funding through the A-G Completion Improvement Grant, advancing the District's efforts to develop comprehensive advising plans and programs to increase the number of students who have completed their A-G requirements by graduation.

The grant funding, delivered through the California Education Budget Trailer Bill, will support the District's goals of creating a comprehensive college roadmap and calendar for middle and high school students, expand the number of tutoring opportunities and summer school A-G course offerings, and ensure low-income and underrepresented students have equitable access to the District's most academically intense high school programs.

"The A-G course curriculum are a critical component for students to gain admission to University of California and California State University schools," Covina-Valley Unified's Director of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Julie Harrison said. "This funding will greatly assist our efforts to provide teachers, administrators and counselors with professional development opportunities to improve the District's A-G completion rate."

The A-G requirements are the required courses California students must complete to gain admission to the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) systems. Students must complete a total of 15 year-long high school courses—and complete 11 of them prior to their last year of high school—with a 2.5 GPA or higher to gain admission to the CSU system, and at least a 3.0 GPA to gain admission to the UC.

Covina-Valley Unified boasts a 66.1% A-G completion rate as of the 2020-21 school year, one of the best in Los Angeles County and the state.

Covina-Valley Unified's plans for the A-G Completion Improvement Grant funding are aligned with the District's Learning Continuity Plan and Goal 1 of the Local Control and Accountability Plan, which specifically aims to bolster A-G completion among students and help them remediate A-G coursework.

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"Covina-Valley Unified is very proud to boast one of the highest A-G completion rates in the county and state," Covina-Valley Unified's Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Eminhizer said. "The A-G Completion Grant will further promote our goal of preparing students for college and career success upon high school graduation."

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