

VENUS ISD BILINGUAL/ESL

August 2022 Board Report

Staff from VMS and VHS traveled to San Antonio for AVID Excel training July 6-8.

***AVID Excel** works by accelerating language acquisition, developing literacy, and placing AVID Excel students on the path to high school AVID and college preparatory coursework. Emergent multilingual students (long-term English learners) indicate that they want to go to college, but without a structured way for teachers and schools to address their specific needs, these students experience gaps in their academic preparation that stop them from entering a college preparatory course of study. Additional training was provided Aug. 1-3.*

On July 11-12, Dr. Michael Whitacre from the Gomez Dual Language Training Institute provided training for VPS and VES bilingual teachers and administrators. ***The Dual Language Training Institute (DLTI)** is a consulting firm of Master and PhD professionals (education professors) dedicated to providing professional development services and technical support to districts interested in educating their emergent bilingual students through a one-way dual language education program using the Gómez and Gómez Elementary model. Follow-up training took place on Aug. 5.*

Nine members of the bilingual teaching staff participated in VISD's Back to School Bash on July 23.