**This is a decision paper**.

**TO: Members of the Hardin County Board of Education**

**FROM: Nannette Johnston**

**Superintendent**

**RE: Approval of AVID Continuation Contract for John Hardin High School, North Hardin High School and North Middle School**

**PROPOSAL**:

As part of the Smaller Learning Community Program at John Hardin High School for SY2010, the school chose to participate in the ***A****dvancement* ***V****ia* ***I****ndividual* ***D****etermination* (**AVID**) Program beginning with Grade 10. This Program will expand to include Grade 11 for SY2011. As part of the Freshman Academy at North Hardin High School for SY2008, the school chose to participate in the ***A****dvancement* ***V****ia* ***I****ndividual* ***D****etermination* (**AVID**) Program. For SY2011 the AVID Program will expand to include also Grade 12 students. North Middle School is a feeder school to North Hardin High School and will continue the implementation of the AVID Program for SY2011. This Program requires a signed contractual agreement between the school district and the Program.

**FACTS**:

North Hardin High School and John Hardin were the recipients of one of three Smaller Learning Community grants in the Hardin County Schools for the 2007-2008 school year. Each high school began the implementation of Freshmen Academies beginning in August 2007. John Hardin chose to target their at-risk sophomores who needed additional academic support by participating in the AVID Program in SY2010. The AVID Program at John Hardin will be expanded to include Grade 11 for SY2011. North Hardin High School chose to initially target their at-risk freshmen who needed additional academic support by participating in the AVID Program. The AVID Program will be expanded for the 2010-2011 school year to include Grade 12 students. North Middle School is currently designated as a Tier 5 School for No Child Left Behind. Circumstances dictate that programmatic changes must be implemented to improve student achievement. North Middle began AVID at Grade 8 for the 2009-2010 school year. Participants will attend one AVID class period a day and will receive tutorial assistance, college preparatory exposure and guidance and encouragement to enroll in rigorous academic courses to prepare the students for post-secondary education upon graduation from high school.

**DISCUSSION**:

The AVID Program is a nationwide program designed to increase school wide learning and performance for at risk-students. The mission of the AVID Program is to ensure that all students, most especially the least served students in the middle capable of completing a college preparatory path:

* will succeed in rigorous curriculum
* will enter mainstream activities of the school
* will increase their enrollment in four-year colleges, and
* will become educated and responsible participants and leaders in a democratic society.

Approval of the AVID Contract will dictate that the school agrees to pay for the

membership/license fee. In addition, the schools receive the complete AVID Curriculum Library that contains classroom strategies and activities to foster the educational attainment of the Program. The school AVID Team and the District Coordinator will participate in AVID training annually to prepare for the coming school year. The total implementation cost of the AVID Program will be $20,020 for the 2010-2011 school year for all three AVID schools. The funding for this Project will come from district Title I funds. John Hardin High School, North Hardin High School and North Middle qualify for Title I School Improvement funds due to their Tiered status for No Child Left Behind consequences.

**RECOMMENDED**:

***It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the AVID Contract for John Hardin High School, North Hardin High School and North Middle School for the 2010-2011 school year.***

**SAMPLE MOTION**:

***I move to approve the contract for implementation of the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program for John Hardin High School, North Hardin High School and North Middle School.***