

BLACK STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT INITIATIVE

INFORM, UPLIFT, ENGAGE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

JUNE 7, 2023





YEAR ONE

In the 2021-22 Learning Acceleration and Support Plan (LASP), Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) announced plans to allocate funds (\$750,000) to develop and engage a Black Student Achievement Advisory Committee to recommend additional supports for Black students.



YEAR ONE

- ✓ Coalition of Involved African American Parents (CIAAP)
- ✓ Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Discussion Panel
- ✓ Virtual Black History Celebration
- ✓ Los Angeles Black College Expo
- ✓ Black Student Achievement Initiative (BSAI) Symposium
- ✓ Sankofa Summer Academy: *An innovative Academic Summer Program for incoming 3rd-5th grade Black students to receive culturally responsive learning experiences, restorative community building, and enrichment: Black History, culture and the arts, research skills and strategies, transformational social-emotional learning, Black Joy and Black Excellence!*
- ✓ Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Recommendations- June 2022 (adopted)



YEAR TWO

September-December

- Sankofa Parent Village: *A community of care and support for parents, guardians, caregivers of Black children*
- Support of LBUSD Black Student Organizations
- HBCU Tour
- Power of Giving Toy Drive (a community event in collaboration with Project Optimism, Inc.)

January-February

- Celebration of LBUSD Black Teachers
- Black History Month Celebration-*It's the Black Excellence for Me!*
- *The Bounceback* (a wellness event in collaboration with Shields for Families)



YEAR TWO

March-April

- Women's History Month: *The Impact of Colorism on Black Girls*
- Sankofa Saturdays: *An enrichment program for Black students in kindergarten thru 5th grades to receive culturally responsive instruction, transformational social-emotional learning skills, and academic enrichment.*
- BSAI Symposium - *A Call to Action!*
- California Association of African American Superintendents & Administrators Conference

YEAR TWO

May-July

- Sankofa Parent Village - *A Father's Voice: A community of care and support for Fathers and Male Guardians of Black children. This new group offers an opportunity for participants to learn together, socialize, and uplift each other in collective support of Black children in LBUSD.*
- National Alliance of Black School Educators - Long Beach Chapter
- HBCU Tour
- Sankofa Summer Academy: expanded-6th grade
- BSAI Graduation Celebration

PARTNERSHIPS

- 1 Shine Youth
- 100 Black Men of Long Beach
- Bridge Builders Foundation
- California State University, Long Beach
- City of Long Beach
- Hesabu Circle
- Kheris Rogers Foundation
- Los Angeles County - Delete the Divide
- Mind Care Services
- Project Optimism, Inc.
- Shield for Families
- UCLA Center X
- Village Life Education

VOICES FROM THE VILLAGE



THE JOURNEY AHEAD

Planned and In-progress

- Use data to strengthen existing projects, programs
- High School Mentoring Program
 - Partnership with Bridge Builders Foundation, Inc.
 - Lakewood HS and Wilson HS
- Math Literacy Program at Sankofa Parent Village
 - Led by Dr. Kirk Kirkwood, Village Life Education and Dr. Kagba Suaray, CSULB
 - Held during the monthly Sankofa Parent Meetings and on selected Saturdays
- Support growth of SPV to include school site parent groups; ongoing collaboration and support

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Requests to Consider

- Create a Black Student Achievement Initiative Department
 - Additional staff (COSA, TOSAs)
 - Designated staff at each school site (additional duty)
- Black Parent Resource Center
- Black Student Achievement Initiative Webpage

THANK YOU!

