



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 7.1

Meeting Date: August 3, 2017

Subject: Blacks Making a Difference (BMAD)

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Youth Development Department

Recommendation: Develop, improve and implement effective policy and practices that better serves disenfranchised, underserved, and underperforming students, and creates an equitable and engaging school environment for all.

Background/Rationale: Blacks Making a Difference (BMAD) is a youth mentoring and advocacy leadership group that provides intensive supports to Black students throughout the Sacramento Region. BMAD provides young people with the guidance needed to explore their identity as Black youth, while encouraging young people to reexamine negative stereotypes and establish a more positive sense of identity to successfully navigate through their academic and social lives.

The current focus of BMAD is to develop awareness to the consistent underperformance, disproportionate discipline, and under-preparation of students in general, Black students in particular, within the Sacramento City Unified School District. Although BMAD’s primary focus is Black youth, we understand that the collective community is impacted by the decisions and climate created within our schools. Our recommendations reflect a collective approach to addressing common obstacles faced by young people.

Financial Considerations: None.

LCAP Goal(s): College, Career and Life Ready Graduates; Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment; Operational Excellence

Documents Attached:

None

Estimated Time of Presentation: 10 minutes

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