

## **AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT SUCCESS PROJECT**

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At the start of the 2018-19 academic year BUSD will launch the African American Student Success Project. The program was developed with the intent of improving academic outcomes for African American students. At its inception the program will focus on a cohort of approximately 100 students across our middle schools and high school. Learnings from this initial work will inform district-wide strategies for supporting African American students.

Program staff will implement case management and mentorship best practices to interface with African American students and their caregivers.

Program foci include:

- ★ Building community by fortifying student (and caregiver) sense of connectedness to the site and each other.
- ★ Increasing the time students are exposed to content by reducing chronic absenteeism, suspensions, and office referrals.
- ★ Removing barriers to learning by using Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI<sup>2</sup>) collaborative structures to identify needs and coordinate interventions that support wellness and academic achievement.