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# Board Cover Memorandum

**To** Board of Education

**From** Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent  
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**Meeting Date** December 1, 2021

**Subject** Sojourner Truth Independent Study (K-12) Update

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**Ask of the Board** To provide the Board of Education an update of the current status of Sojourner Truth Independent Studies School.

**Background** Sojourner Truth Independent Studies has been designated the school for students to attend that wish to opt-out of in-person instruction. AB 130 called for the update to independent studies programs and changes implemented as a result are intended to be on-going per the updated legislation.

**Discussion** The presentation includes a summary of current enrollment, staffing, partnerships, and learning from the program expansion to indicate future impacts we anticipate and should plan for to support the Sojourner Truth Program.

**Fiscal Impact** Substantial COVID Relief Funds, \$5,260,000.00, was used to provide adequate staffing for the expansion of the Sojourner Truth Program. The anticipated financial impact, based on survey results indicating interest in the program for the upcoming school year should remain consistent with this academic year.

**Attachment(s)** Presentation - Sojourner Truth Independent Study (K-12) Update