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Sojourner Truth Independent Study (K-12) 12/1/2021



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Ask of the Board

- To provide feedback on the progress to date of Sojourner Truth Independent Studies Program expansion.

Outline

- Enrollment;
- Staffing;
- Partnerships;
- Learning from Expansion: Future Impacts.

Enrollment

- Current enrollment: **1019** Tk-12th graders.
- TK-5: 450
- 6th-8th: 207
- 9th-12th: 362

Survey Results: Current End of semester survey results of 244 responses, **90%** stated they would stay at SJT for Spring semester. **54%** stated they would like to return to SJT for the Fall 22-23 school year.

Staffing

- 41 Credentialed Teachers hired as of 11/23/21.
- 3 Teachers on Special Assignment: Hired
- 1 counselor: Currently recruiting
- 1 Assistant Principal: Pending

Future Impacts:

Need to expand Teaching staff due to increases in enrollment. Vaccine mandate may require additional teaching staff due to those students not receiving an exemption.

Partnerships

- The Oakland Reach: In class, family support, and collect program feedback from families;
- Zion Learning-tutoring;
- Chabot Space and Science Center-Pending; and
- Youth Employment Project-Pending.

Learning from Expansion: Future Impacts

- Increases in enrollment will require additional staffing.
- Survey results are confirming Fall enrollment will increase from previous years and likely be consistent with this years' enrollment.
- Need for additional partnerships to meet the changing needs of the program.
- Maintain funding at the appropriate level to maintain a model program.

Questions and Feedback

- Please ask any questions about the Sojourner Truth Program and provide feedback on our progress to date.





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