Education Assessment:
A Community Engaged Research Project
2017-2018
The Black Leadership Kitchen Cabinet (BLKC) of Santa Clara Valley Education Assessment: A Community Engaged Research Project

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The research used publicly available data (Santa Clara County Office of Education), gathered information from 649 adults and youth to explore and identify barriers to education and examine ways racism and white supremacy impact the community’s academic success, how African and African Ancestry students learn and elements of African-centered education. Findings and feedback about solutions support a “Call to Action” to help African/African ancestry children and youth succeed in Santa Clara County (Silicon Valley).
Who Participated in the Research?

**Adult Online Questionnaire**
- Number of Participants: 265
- Age Range: 18-84

**Parent Online Questionnaire**
- Number of Participants: 89
- Age Range: 25-84

**Parents of Young Children Online Questionnaire**
- Number of Participants: 44
- Age Range: 18-74

**Youth Online Questionnaire**
- Number of Participants: 88
- Age Range: 10-18 (5th gr-12th gr)

**Parent In-Person, Paper Questionnaire**
- Number of Participants: 20

**Key Nominee Interviews**
- Number of Participants: 27
  - Includes young adults, retirees, parents and currently employed teachers

**BLKC Steering Committee Questionnaires & Focus Group Conversations (3 Sessions)**
- Number of Participants: 20, 10, 7

**African / Caribbean Community Group Conversation**
- Number of Participants: 23

**Black Educators Focus Group**
- Number of Participants: 7
  - Includes 1 Steering Committee Member

**Community Forum**
- Number of Participants: 43

**School Superintendent/Administrative Staff Interviews/Conversations**
- Number of Participants: 6
  - 2 White Males
  - 1 White Female
  - 2 Black Females
  - 1 Latino Male
The Final Report

• Black Excellence Traditions Which Shaped Santa Clara County
• Academic & Cultural Excellence in Black Education Scholarship, Research, and Practice
• The Research Methodology
• Four Domains of Inquiry and Key Findings from the Education Assessment
  I. Community Definitions of Quality Education
  II. Barriers in the Education System
  III. Policies that Are Hindering Student Success
  IV. Impacts of Racism & Discrimination
• Best Practice Solutions & Recommendations: Our Call to Action