EDUCATION ASSESSMENT FACT SHEET

SANTA CLARA COUNTY SCHOOLS AS OF 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR:

- **African/African Ancestry Students:** 5,192 of 273,264 students
- **African/African Ancestry Teachers:** 266 of 13,317 teachers
- **African/African Ancestry Administrators:** 55 of 1,055 administrators

**DISTRICTS WITH HIGHEST NUMBER OF AFRICAN/AFRICAN ANCESTRY STUDENTS:**

- *San Jose Unified: 799*
- *Santa Clara Unified: 450*
- *East Side Union High: 639*
- *Oak Grove Elementary: 373*

**RESEARCH OBSERVATIONS ABOUT AFRICAN/AFRICAN ANCESTRY STUDENTS**

1. African American youth are perceived as more adult-like and less innocent than their peers in other groups.
2. African American history, especially slavery, is poorly taught and marginalized in high school history courses.
3. African American females with the darkest skin tone and African features are twice as likely as white females to be suspended from school.
4. African American girls’ risk being disciplined when they are perceived to violate racialized gendered norms that dictate how “respectable” young ladies should behave.

**ETHNIC STUDIES IN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

An evaluation of San Francisco Unified School District’s ninth-grade ethnic studies pilot program found that the course increased ninth-grade student attendance by 21 percentage points, GPAs by 1.4 grade points, and credits earned by 23.

Assembly Bill 2016, signed into law in September 2016, requires California’s Instructional Quality Commission to bring together scholars and practitioners to develop, and the state board to adopt, a model ethnic studies curriculum, and encourages districts and high schools to offer ethnic studies courses based on this model curriculum, which is scheduled to be completed in 2019.

**DISCIPLINE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Student population of Juvenile Hall in Santa Clara County: 93% male, 7% female and 92% minority