

To: African American Site Advisory Team ~ AASAT African American Parent Advisory Committees ~AAPAC African American Families of West Contra Costa Unified School District ~ AAFWCCUSD

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We hope you are safe and well and are taking every precaution to stay healthy during this global pandemic. Too much is at stake to not stay woke during this time. Our families need us to be informed and prepared for whatever is coming next for us. We know that when disaster strikes, its impact often hits us harder and lasts longer than it does for others.

Your AASAT Executive Officers are working closely with many WCCUSD groups to ensure African American Parents voices are heard and reflected in the policies, programs and materials that are being developed to support us during this time.

We are reaching out to hear from you any educational and technical issues, or any type of support you may need during this <u>COVID19</u> crisis. Not only are we here to support you in advocating for the educational resources your children may need, but we will try to refer you to other community services that may be available. As we are made aware of various opportunities of interest, we will forward them to you as well.

We are working with a partner in developing our 20-21, \$7.2mill budget. We will make it available to all very soon. In addition, we presented to our District Trustees, at its meeting on April 8th, an emergency response COVID19 budget using our existing available PAAAS funds. It and our report to the board are attached, as well as a few other resources we want to make available to you.

We are working with the District in creating safety protocols to host video meetings. Watch for an invite soon regarding our monthly meeting. Please reach out to your principals to begin video hosting your monthly AAPAC meetings. Let us know if you have any problems arranging this. Let us know also, if African American students in your community have unmet needs or unheeded concerns.

Please stay safe. Wash your hands often, sanitize everything coming into your home and don't forget to remove your shoes after coming home from public spaces. <u>C19</u> can live on the ground for a week and be tracked into our living spaces. These conditions will be with us for a while. We want to see your beautiful Black faces when we get to the other side.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or needs we can support. You can reach us at: <u>aasatinfo@gmail.com</u> or leave a message at 510.619.8920 Follow us: Facebook ~ <u>AASAT West Contra Costa</u> Instagram ~ <u>@2020AASAT</u>

Remember- We are all in this together! - Harambee!

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