## Black Youth Leadership Project

# Moving Forward with Influence



#### ABOUT BYLP

Established in 1999 by Capitol Black staff, Black Youth Leadership Project (BYLP) continues to establish, develop, and implement educational programs for Black youth in California in the areas of leadership development, public speaking, the legislative process, public service, cultural awareness and identity.

### **OUR PROGRAMS**

Legislative Open House (LOH) – Our Flagship program was established in 1999 by Black staff in the State Capitol. The LOH is a FREE one day accelerated program (held the 3rd Friday in March) that exposes students to the legislative process through a hands on experience of being an Elected Official for a day. Also included is our NextLevel Luncheon that has been an incredible addition to our programming that puts our students into close proximity to prominent members of the Black Community (i.e. Elected Officials, poets and celebrities from a variety of fields).

### BYLP G.O.A.T.

This 3rd Saturday meetup geared toward making sure our students are prepared to be successful this school year and beyond. By offering a support system of caring adults, consistency, stability, going over transcripts and grades, teaching organization techniques and more, we will make sure our students are prepared this year and moving forward!! Come VIBE with your TRIBE!!!



#### **Celebration Weekend**

Celebration Weekend (Prom & Black Grad) validates the student's accomplishments, presents them before the community to be acknowledged for their perseverance and allows the community to come together in a display of love, unity and support.

**Social Justice Bootcamp** – this 5-day program developed in partnership with Jewell Jones (District 11), the youngest State Representative in Michigan history, is presented FREE of charge to participating students. This Bootcamp covers many aspects of the social justice movement from activists to advocates, criminal justice reform, union representation & influence and exploring the impact of social media. **#BYLPJusticeLeague** 

#### **BYLP Advocacy**

We are willing to go where we are needed and say what needs to be said. We build positive & productive relationships with students and families in an effort to fully engage students in their learning environment. The primary focus of BYLP Advocacy is to work collaboratively with school districts, school administration and staff to promote a positive learning climate for our Black students who have systemically been targets in the learning environment. We receive complaints and advocate for reconciliation in the students best interest.