

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

Regular Board Meeting of June 13, 2017

ITEM: PROMOTING SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF

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TYPE OF ITEM: STAFF REPORT

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this staff report is to provide the Governing Board and community with information regarding the activities taking place throughout the District to promote a safe, supportive, and collaborative environment for all students and staff.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In response to issues of discrimination and inequity, the Governing Board, District staff, and members of the Albany community continue to engage in dialogue around strategies to ensure respect, inclusion, and empathy for all members of the AUSD learning community. District staff will highlight some of the many proactive steps students, staff, and community members are taking in order to improve the culture and climate of our school community.

DETAILS:

“Albany Coming Together”

During the first meeting of Albany Coming Together, several sub-committees were formed in following areas: elementary and secondary curriculum; responsible technology use; student, parent, and community engagement; staff engagement and professional development; and policy and organizational development. Many of these sub-committees have already held, or plan to hold, meetings in order to further discuss the purpose and goals for their group.

Superintendent Williams is serving on the Steering Committee and has been meeting with members of that sub-committee to provide ongoing support to the overall group. A Steering Committee meeting will be held during the week of June 5.

Celebrating Diversity

On Wednesday June 7 at 5:00 pm, approximately 35 seniors from Albany High School participated in Albany High School's Latino Graduation. AHS Spanish teacher, Rosianna Valadez-Soto, has organized this event for the past four years. This year, the Hispanic/Latino Parent Engagement Group also provided support in planning the event. On Saturday June 10 at 10:00 am, Albany High School will hold its first annual Black Graduation celebration. Approximately 15 families will participate in the ceremony.

Revisiting Anti-Semitic Events and Actions Taken

In response to a request from the Governing Board to revisit the timeline of anti-semitic events and actions taken by Albany High School, District staff will review the events that were reported to AHS site administration and the actions taken to respond to those events.

STRATEGIC GOALS ADDRESSED:



Objective #3: Communicate and Lead Together. Goal: All stakeholders will collaborate and communicate about decisions that guide the sites and district.

RECOMMENDATION: RECEIVE THE STAFF REPORT ON PROMOTING SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS.