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**DATE:** January 30, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

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**SUBJECT:** Ongoing Funding for Tutoring for African Ancestry and Other Students

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 22, 2022 (Item No. 71), Supervisor Ellenberg requested an off-agenda report by the end of January 2023 relating to options for ongoing funding for educational supports for African Ancestry students. This report provides the requested information.

The vision of the Office of Children and Families Policy (OCFP) is that children and youth in Santa Clara County have the supports needed to be safe, healthy, and successful in learning and in life. African Ancestry children in the county disproportionately face significant systemic risk factors that jeopardize their access to academic support resources, affecting school engagement and educational success. Afrocentric tutoring and educational supports within a culturally appropriate context offer a unique opportunity to engage scholastically underserved students to assist them in reaching their academic and life goals.

On December 28, 2018 (Item No. 35), the Board requested and approved one-time funding in the amount of \$252,000 to enter into a contract agreement with Ujima Adult and Family Services, Inc. (as fiscal agent), Maranatha Outreach Center, and Bible Way Christian Center for academic support services for African Ancestry and underserved students in the county. On December 18, 2020 (Item No. 13), the Board added Bay Area Tutoring Association (BATA) to receive funding in the amount of \$60,000 to support students through a Black Lives Matter-COVID-19 program to close educational deficits experienced in the community and exacerbated by COVID-19 as well as approved an additional year of funding in the amount of \$252,000 for educational and tutoring support through the two learning

academies (Maranatha and Bible Way) with Ujima as the fiscal agent. Under advisement from a Board referral on February 15, 2022 (Item No. 11), on March 22, 2022 (Item No. 71), the Board approved funding for a third learning academy, Emmanuel Baptist Church, as part of the agreement with Ujima as fiscal agent as well as funding for BATA in the amount of \$375,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022. The adopted FY 2022-2023 budget included funding in the amount of \$375,000 for Ujima and the three learning academies and BATA. The contract agreements were previously funded by the County General Fund Contingency Reserve.

Ongoing funding for Afrocentric tutoring for African Ancestry children and youth can be considered as part of the FY 2023-2024 Recommended Budget process.

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