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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Darrel Robertson, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Student Senate Work Plan Update

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RESOURCE

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ISSUE

The Student Senate is presenting to the Board of Trustees an update of their work in support of their 2020-2021 Work Plan.

BACKGROUND

At the November 3, 2020, public Board meeting, Student Trustees brought forward a report to the Board introducing their Student Trustees and executive. At that meeting, the Student Trustees also shared with the Board that the Student Senate had decided to make the focus of their work this year amplifying the voices of Black and Indigenous students.

CURRENT SITUATION

The Student Senate has met twice since their last presentation to the Board. In those meetings, the Student Senate chose to broaden their focus topic to amplify the voices of BIPOC students, rather than just Black and Indigenous students. They also participated in an online brainstorming exercise and small group discussions which resulted in them selecting three projects and forming committees for each. For their projects, the Student Senators will create a magazine, a podcast and materials for workshops and clubs in support of their focus topic. Students Senators have been meeting outside of the regular monthly meetings to advance work on their projects.

KEY POINTS

- For their 2020-2021 work plan, the Student Senate established that their key focus will be on amplifying the voices of BIPOC students.
- To carry out their work, they have selected three projects, each supported by a committee: a magazine, a podcast, and materials for workshops and clubs.
- Student Trustees will present a final summary of this year's work to the Board of Trustees in June 2021.

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