

MCB NAACP 1049

Education Forum

Closing the Gap in Education for Black and Brown Students

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Oldemeyer Center

Hosted by Monterey County Branch NAACP 1049

*A forum for students, parents, educators, administrators, and
community stakeholders.*



Why We Are Convening

A focused space to turn community concern into coordinated action.

Purpose Statement

Bring administrators, educators, parents, students, and community stakeholders together to identify barriers, strengthen partnerships, and ensure every student is placed on a clear path toward graduation, achievement, and long-term success.

The forum is designed to listen first, document community priorities, and align follow-up actions across schools, families, and community partners.



Forum Focus Areas

The conversation will stay centered on barriers, support systems, and accountable next steps.

01

Graduation Pathways

Keeping students on track for diplomas—not just certificates of completion.

02

Student Voice

Capturing lived experiences, concerns, strengths, and recommendations.

03

Parent Partnership

Improving communication, trust, and access to available supports.

04

School Accountability

Understanding LCAP, services, discipline, opportunity gaps, and outcomes.

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Mentorship & Belonging

Building relationships, positive identity, and community-connected supports.

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Activities & Opportunity

Connecting students to sports, enrichment, careers, college, and civic engagement.

Voices at the Table

This forum works because every group brings a different part of the solution.

Students

Experience, barriers, aspirations, and solutions.

Parents & Families

Needs, communication gaps, advocacy, and trust.

Educators

Classroom realities, supports, and early warning signs.

Administrators

Policy, resources, accountability, and implementation.

Community Partners

Mentorship, enrichment, funding, and sustained support.



Desired Outcomes

Success means leaving with clarity, ownership, and a way forward.

By the end of the forum, participants should have:

- **A shared understanding** of the key issues impacting Black and Brown students across Monterey County.
- **Documented priorities** from students, parents, educators, administrators, and community members.
- **Follow-up action areas** for future forums, partner collaboration, and branch advocacy.
- **Commitment to partnership** that keeps students on a glide path to graduation and lifelong success.

Next Step: Listen • Document • Align • Act