**San Bernardino Community College District**

**“A Call to Action”**

**Taking Action to Strengthen the Academic Achievement of Our Children**

**Proposed Presentation by Jim Smith and Keith Wurtz**

**Using Valley as an example**

Slide one: Heading

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1. The data supports existence of ethnic achievement gap at SBVC
2. Asian and white students show higher levels of retention and course completion rates.
3. African American students, at the lowest level of Basic Skills, are more likely to fail than to succeed.
4. African American students are at greater risk of failure than any other group.

Slide two- African American Students have a high need for Basic Skills in English.

Slide three – African American Students have a high need for Basic Skills in Math.

Slide four – African American Students have the lowest retention and course success rate in every category of English and Math.

Slide five – African American Students have the lowest retention and course success rates in all classes

Possible Slide six – AA degrees and certificates earned but take longer time than other ethnic groups???????

Anything else that is useful?

Break down by high school of entering freshman (which produces the least successful students)

Impact of learning communities for on student success as one option for intervention

Where do African American students enroll – transfer program, vocational program, etc.