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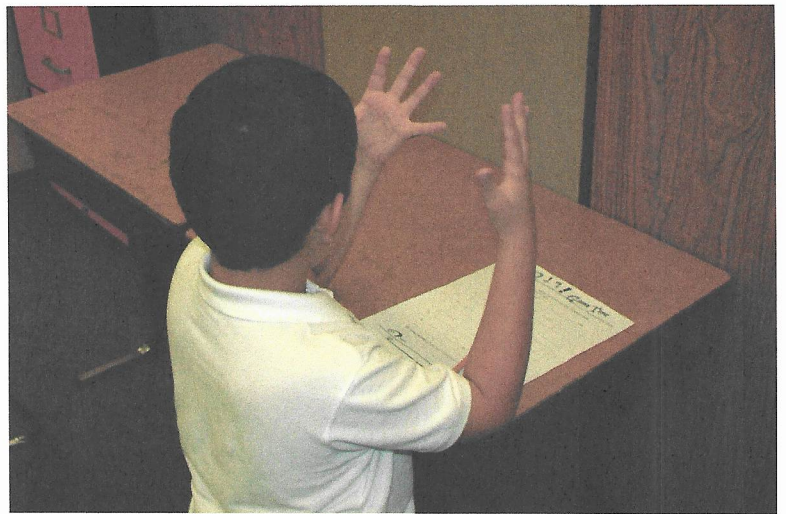
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## STUDENT PROFILE

Average Daily Attendance (ADA)  
375 Students Per Day  
Founded in 2004

### COMMUNITY SITES

STS has 2 School Based & 1 Private Site  
Pittsburg High School  
Black Diamond High School  
The Learning Center



## MISSION STATEMENT

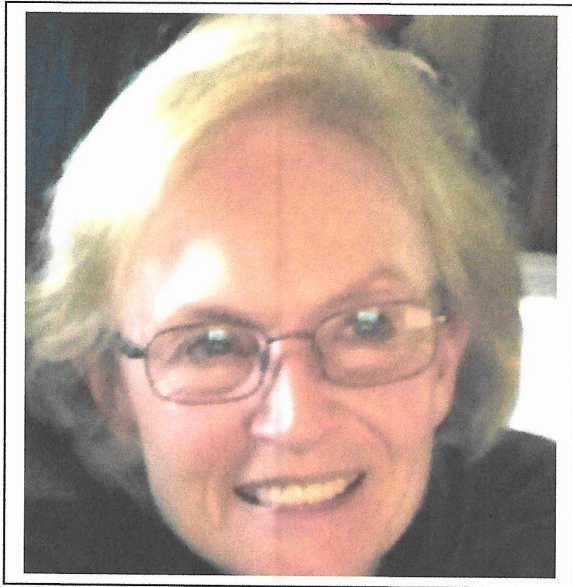
**STS Academy bridges the gap between inner-city youth who prosper and benefit from the public school system and those who struggle and sometimes fail. We help to bridge this gap by establishing frequent and direct communication between parents, teachers, students and STS. We refer to this communication as The Ultimate Partnership.**

## VISION

**A Community that believes all children regardless of race, religion, or economic status should have the opportunity to**



## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The pandemic interrupted STS Academy's normal services to the community as well as the schools we serve. But we continued to support youth by working with schools to provide learning assistance in an online format. We provided tutoring for middle school and high school students during Covid. And our Learning Center was a host for children without stable homes or internet to access their classes online. We provided three locations for 1-6 grade children to come to every day to tune into their school classes. We helped them with homework, and provided enrichment activities

after school. The Contra Costa County Office of Education provided the resources for these learning hubs. We were pleased with the high level of academic success our children achieved with a stable place to learn, nutritious meals, and caring assistance from staff at The Learning Center.



**Pathway to  
Construction Class**



# ASSETs GRANT @ PITTSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

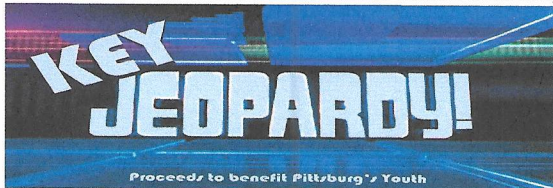
STS Academy provides before and after school academic services, enrichment classes, and career/job pathway classes to Pittsburgh High School and Black Diamond High School through a 21<sup>st</sup> Century State administered ASSETs grants in cooperation with the Pittsburgh Unified School District.

During the Covid years we provided online academic support services for students, and hosted a learning hub at Pittsburgh High School so students could attend their online classes from that location. We also were able to offer some online enrichment, fitness and other after school classes.

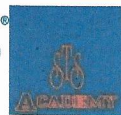
STS Academy works in partnership with other organizations to provide opportunities for high school students through school clubs. One great example of a successful community-STS Academy-School Club venture is what we call Key Jeopardy. The Pittsburgh Kiwanis Club, the Pittsburgh High School Key Club, and community organizations as well as other high school clubs created and participated in an online jeopardy game. This has been held each spring for several years, operates like jeopardy does on TV with students providing hosting, questions, and technical assistance. It's a widely successful community project that is fun, and supports numerous community and school organizations.

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As schools began to open in spring 2021, STS Academy expanded its career development and enrichment classes with topics like How to Start a Business, and a career pathway class in Construction, attended by students from Black Diamond and Pittsburgh High School.

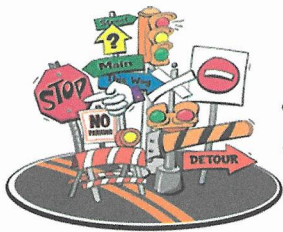


**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF PITTSBURGH



Pittsburgh Kiwanis, STS Academy and Pittsburgh High's Key Club have come together to provide a community fundraiser to benefit Pittsburgh's Youth.

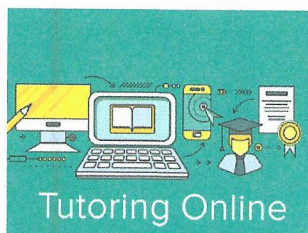
Community Groups of adults and Community Youth Groups challenged each other in Jeopardy games. Winners of each game earn \$100 and the high scoring teams would enter Final Jeopardy held later. Each team will need 3 participants.



## Driver Education

*Driver Education helped  
over 300 students to receive  
their driver's permit*

DIAMOND  
Private



## PEER TUTORING

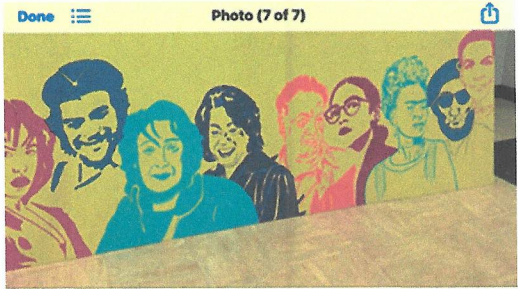


Fitness & Conditioning

*This program has helped  
to prepare over 500  
students during the year*



## ASSETs GRANT @ BLACK DIAMOND HIGH SCHOOL



BDHS Art students create mural in honor of Hispanic Heritage month.



Students receive certificates for completing after school job readiness program



# Introduction to the Learning Center

STS Academy operates the Learning Center at 60 Civic Drive in Pittsburgh. We provide before and after school care, academic support, and transportation service to elementary children K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Working parents can drop their child off at 6am and pick the child up at 6pm. When needed STS Academy transports children to school from the Center and returns them to the Center after school, relieving the transportation burden often placed on working parents or guardians. This fee-based program is designed for families with various levels of income. Children enjoy enrichment, crafts, computer, outdoor and other activities. And after school, we focus children on their homework and help to insure they complete it. If needed, we will communicate with teachers to get clarification. During Covid our regular program was not available since school was not in session, and we transitioned to learning hubs for children who needed a safe and consistent location to access their online classes. That resulted in highly successful learning outcomes for those children.



## CHILD CARE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

### Stay Connected and in Control

In an effort to better serve our families we have invested in a new parent platform, offering contactless check-in/out, integrated tuition collection, Academic Assessment, Instant parental contact, business management tools and more – with no contracts required



Academic Excellence

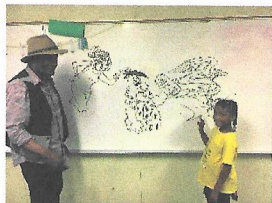
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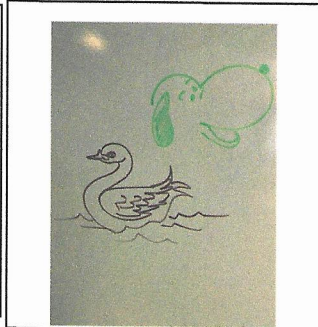
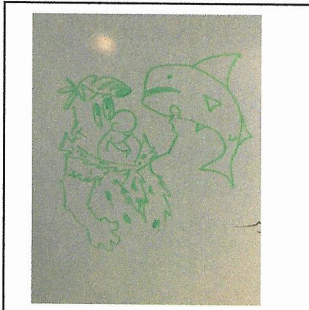
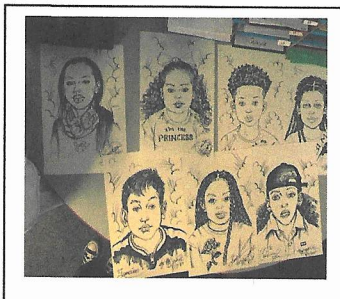
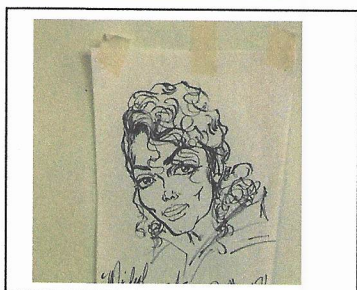


# Keller Canyon Mitigation Fund and The World Art and Music Festival @ TLC

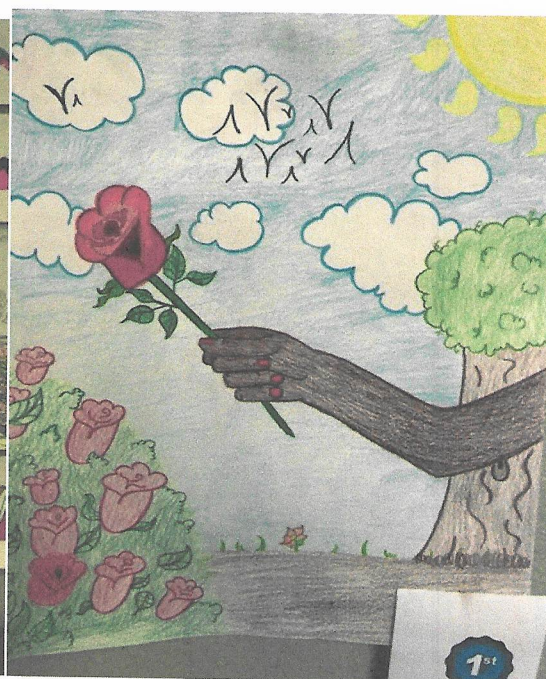
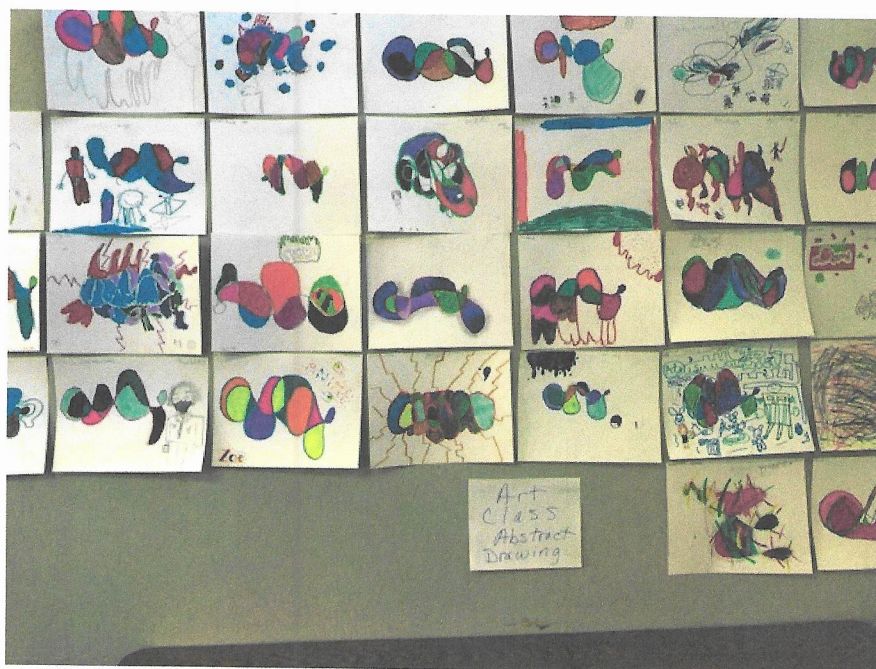
Thanks to a generous grant from Keller Canyon Mitigation Fund the World Art and Music Festival was converted to art classes. Covid prevented us from having our traditional festival.



*Dr. Ronald McDowall who is a world famous artist, taught art each day during the spring break concluding with an art show on the final day. Facility was open to families to view the children work.*



The Learning Center (TLC) provides the community with services Monday – Friday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Services include tutoring, homework assistance, indoor & outdoor games, online access/computer games and arts & crafts. In 2021 TLC upgraded all of its accounting and parent engagement software to a state of the art system that keeps parents in touch and involved 24/7. Transportation is provided to and from all schools in the Pittsburg Unified School District.





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



**City of Pittsburgh Christmas Parade**



**End of year celebration for Key Jeopardy**



**Summer Play Grounds Programs**



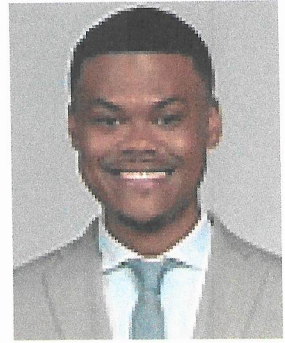
**Taste of The Bayou (STS Yearly Fundraiser)**



# Supported by Leaders in the Community

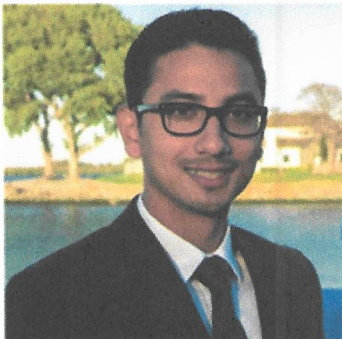
## **Hollard Barret White - Mayor of Pittsburg CA**

"Ensuring that each and every one of our youth in the City of Pittsburg have what they need to be successful and competitive in the 21st century is the highest priority for the City, our community, and our partners. STS Academy has a proven track record of building programs, strengthening educational pipelines, achieving measurable outcomes, and preparing our scholars with the tools they need to realize their fullest potential. As our City continues to double down on its investment in youth programming, it'll be partnerships such as this one, that will help our community continue to thrive."



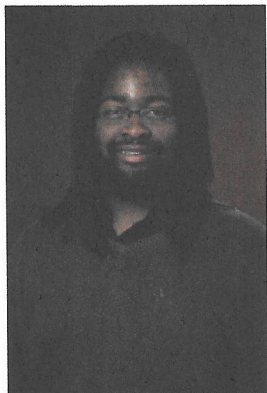
## **Todd Whitmire – Principal of Pittsburg High School**

As the principal of Pittsburg High School I have worked closely with the STS Academy for fifteen years. We have formed a partnership that has resulted in hundreds of students receiving access to resources and services including our barber and cosmetology programs and our after school tutoring program. Encouraging high school age students to remain after school and participate in various activities has always been a challenge, but the STS Academy has conducted surveys and focus group discussions with our students which has resulted in many of our students remaining after school, on campus, rather than going home to an empty house. This is but one example of the partnerships the STS Academy has fostered in our community"



## **Juan Antonio Banales – Council Member City of Pittsburg CA**

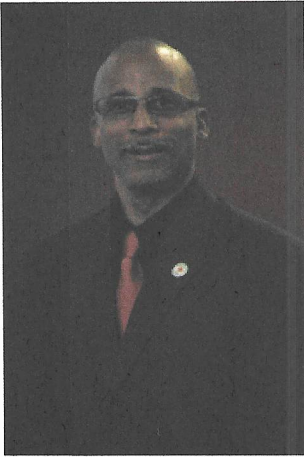
As a Pittsburg City Leader I am grateful for organizations such as STS Academy. STS serves as a key organization that supports our youth in Pittsburg. It not only provides a safe place for our kids but they teach and mentor each of these students. STS has always been willing to partner with other organizations in our community especially if it means benefiting our youth. STS has been and remains an asset to our community!



## **Dr. Deshawn Woolridge – Pittsburg Unified School District Board Member**

STS Academy remains a jewel of the Pittsburg community. This year represents another year of celebration, and appreciation for a community agency that has invested in the development of scholars within the Pittsburg community. It has shaped the minds, touched the hearts, and developed the character of our scholars as they ventured towards great horizons. Scholars especially those considered at-risk in a variety of ways, are given the tools needed to succeed and thrive. In the world that we live in, each scholar having the tools to succeed is the minimum that we owe every scholar in our school system. This is everything and represents the meaning of tending to the needs of the total scholar. As a former participant of the STS Academy's after school program, I hope that STS continues to be around for the next scholar who needs a place to be, and an opportunity to be presented.





**Duane Smith – Pittsburg Unified School District Board President**

STS has been a local community partner with the district for many years, and have provided educational and extracurricular activity to the scholars of Pittsburg in the after school program. The support from STS has helped our scholars not only grow in their educational growth, but also socially.



**Taylor Sims – PUSD School Board Vice President**

STS is vital to the Pittsburg community. Not only does it provide a safe space for students, it provides resources, programs, and creative spaces for students to pursue their passions. There are rare spaces and programs like STS in East County, we are grateful and lucky to have it in our community.



**Shanelle Scales-Preston - Vice Mayor, City of Pittsburg CA**

Programs like STS provide vital supports to students and families alike. The work done at these programs helps enhance a student's ability to learn, grow, and thrive which makes them pillars of our community.



**Ms. Merl Craft – City of Pittsburg City Council**

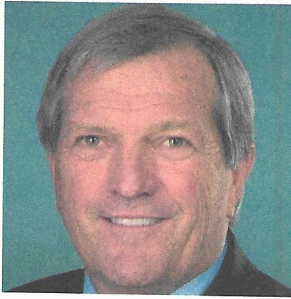
STS is a very valuable asset to the Pittsburg Community, serving youth from Pre K to 12 grade, helping them move from Kindergarten to college. Open to serve our community youth before and after school with much needed academic services and transportation.



**Steve Glazer – California State Senator**

STS provides support and stability for students and families in Pittsburgh. There before and afterschool program, tutoring, homework assistance and career oriented training for high school student complements and enhances the education provided by Pittsburg schools. The Academy's family outreach initiatives help support parents and strengthen family unity. It is a great privilege to have an organization such as STS Academy in my district and I look forward to working with them in the future.





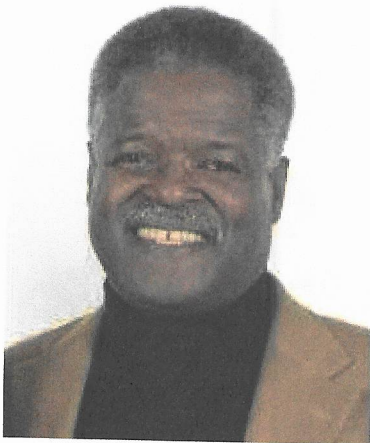
**Mark Desauinier – Congressman**

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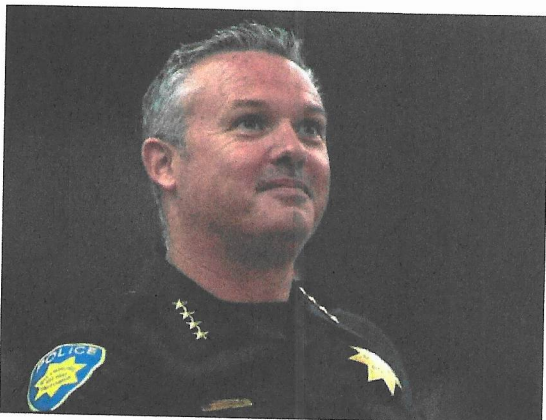
**Tim Grayson – State Assemblyman**

By providing children with a foundation for success that supplements in class instructions, STS Academy has meaningful and lasting impact in the lives of individual children the family and our community. Because of their work to grow our youth into well-rounded women and men our entire community owes STS a debt of gratitude instilling in children the confidence to try their hardest and never give up will make California a better place to live and I look forward to continuing to work with STS Academy



**Federal Glover Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, District 5**

Community organizations are an essential part of our safety net, and service delivery continuum. STS Academy has been and continues to be vital in providing needed services for the youth of Contra Costa County. The organization is more than a partner. They are leaders in changing through processes and advancing the potential of our young women and men."



**Brian Addington – Chief of Police, Pittsburg CA**

Juvenile arrests are at record-low numbers in no small part due to the work STS Academy does within the Pittsburg community.



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