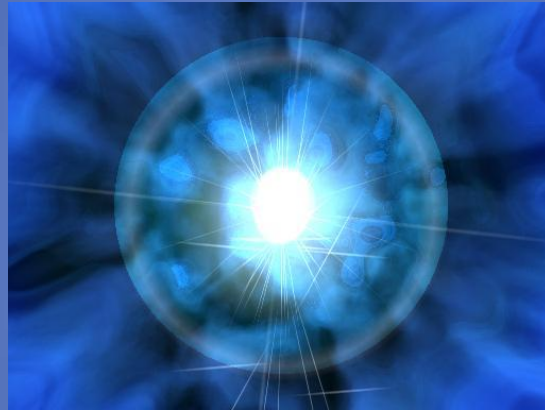


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*The Growing Pains and
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Partnerships In Practice



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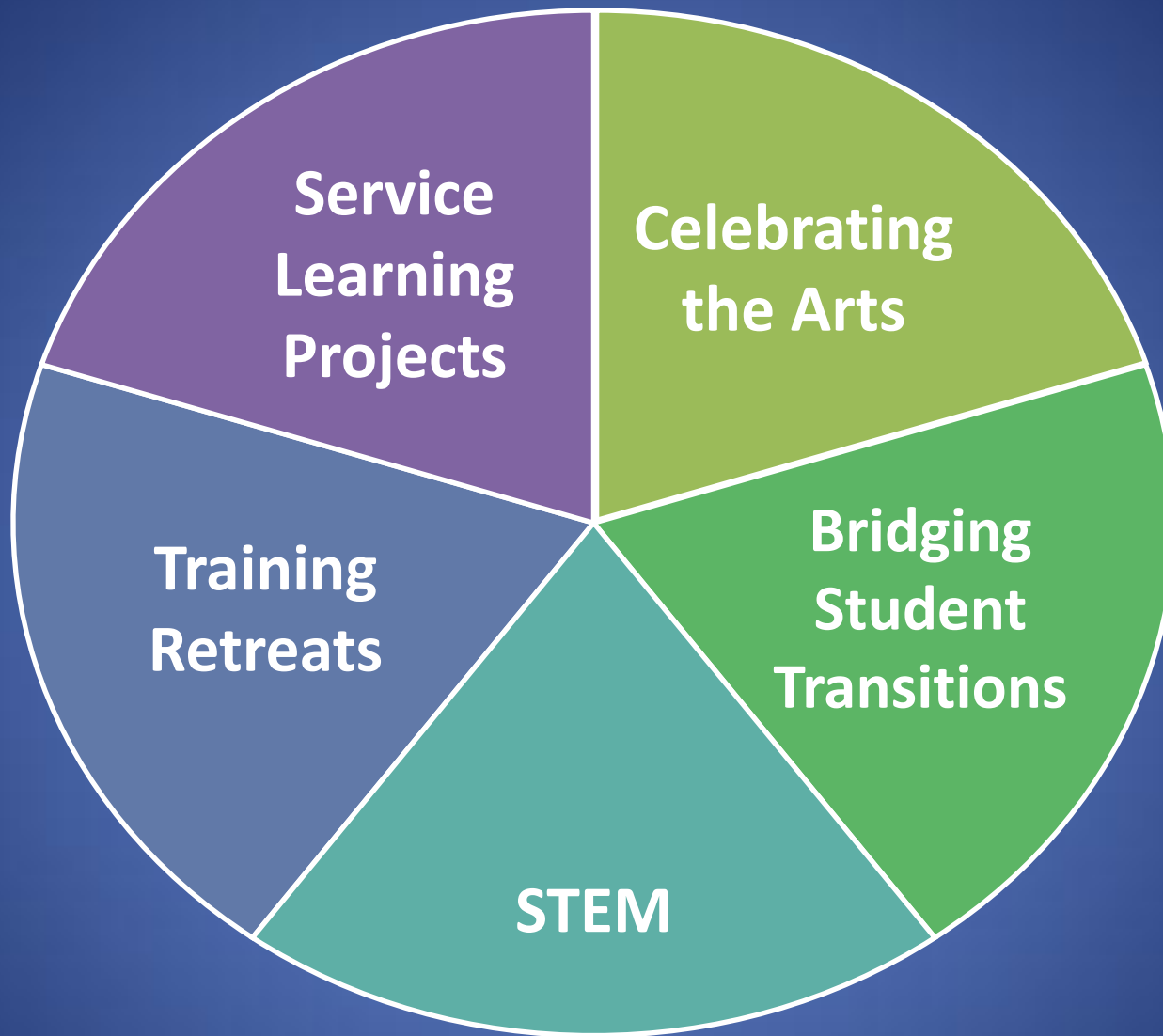
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TAKE ACTION

2011-2012

Graduation!

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Kick Butts Day
CULMINATION
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Denim Day



APR

Regional Arts Competitions



Regional Arts Competitions



Point Fermin Arts Camp



Matriculation Events



Do the Write Thing



TAKE ACTION Week



College Tours

TOT 2



College Tours



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Ambassador Training Day



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TAKE ACTION Week!
Lights On

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Ambassador Camps/
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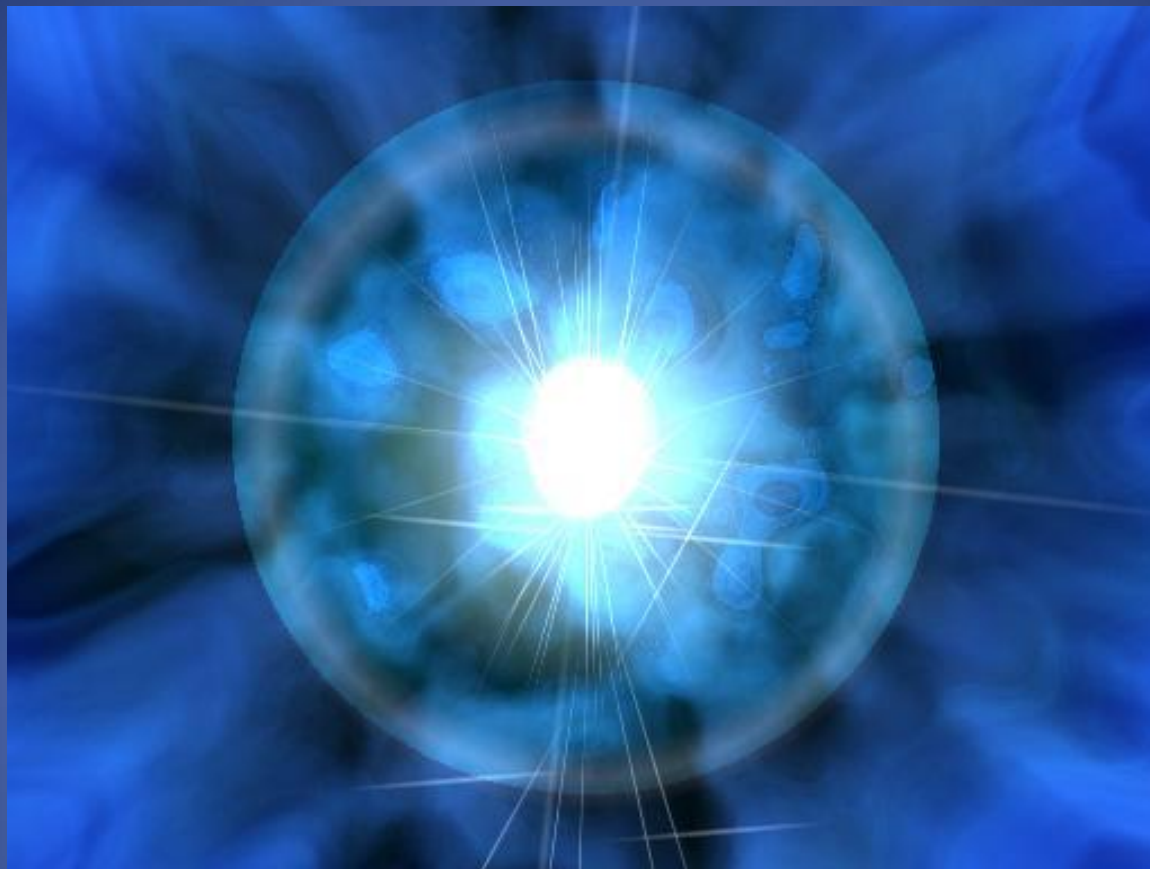
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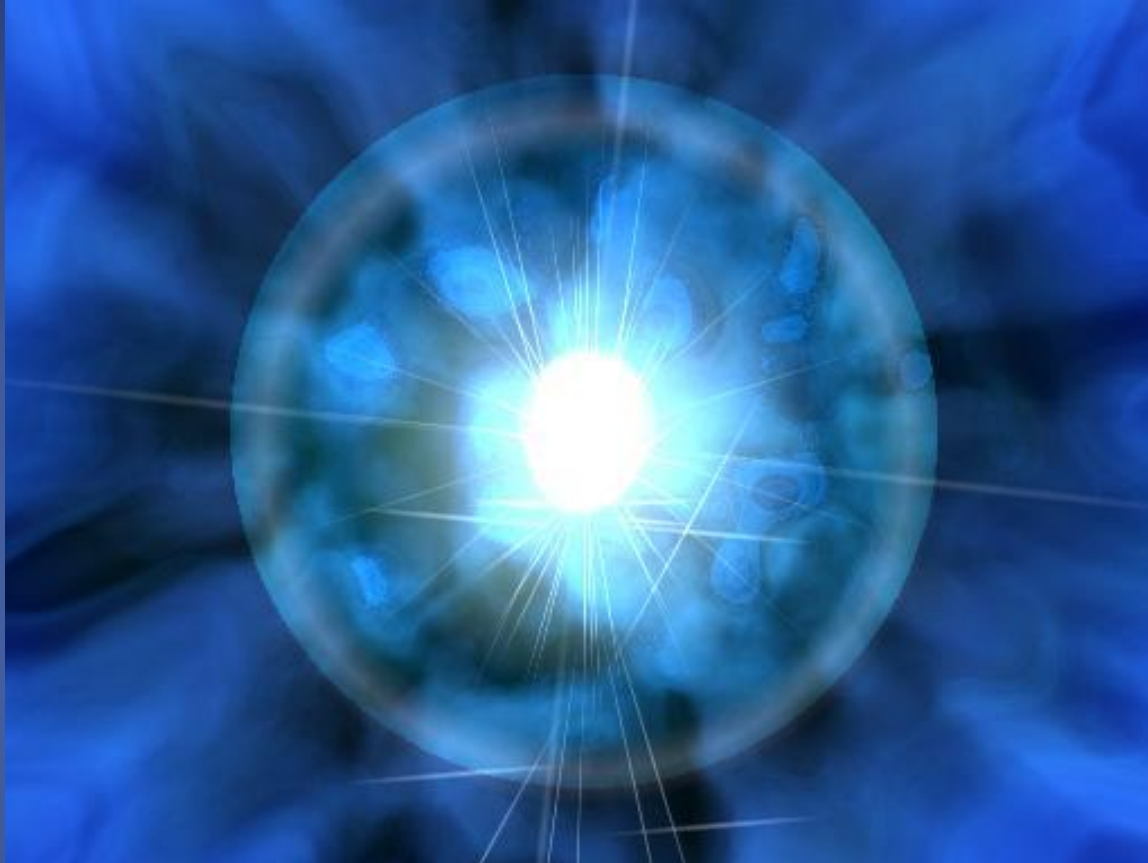
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Back to School!

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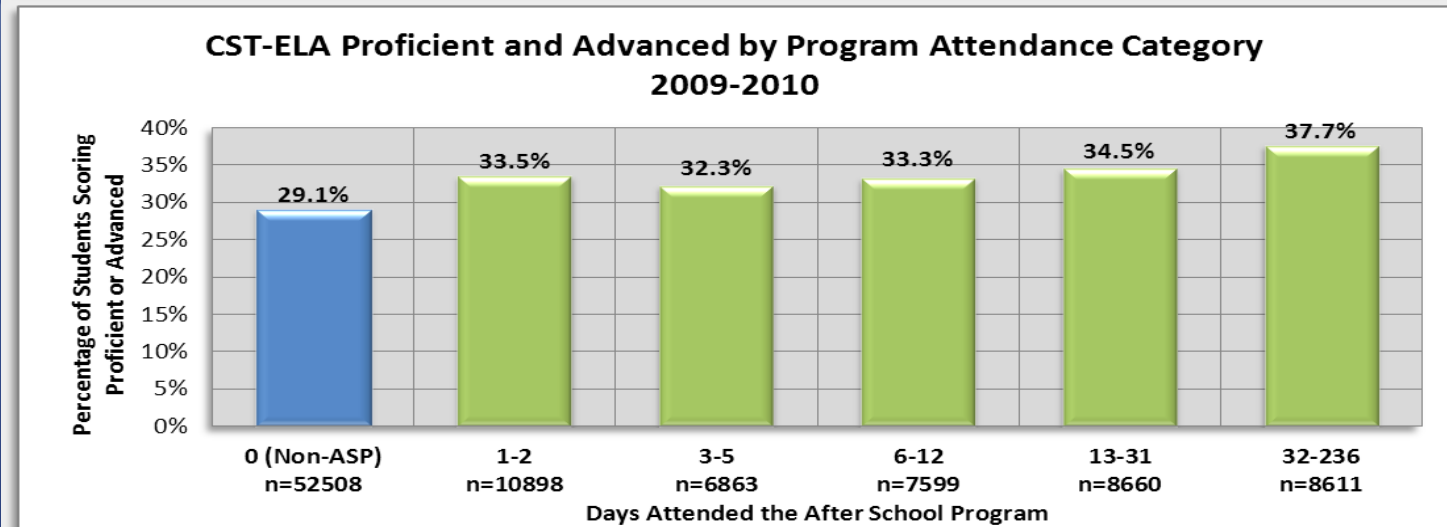
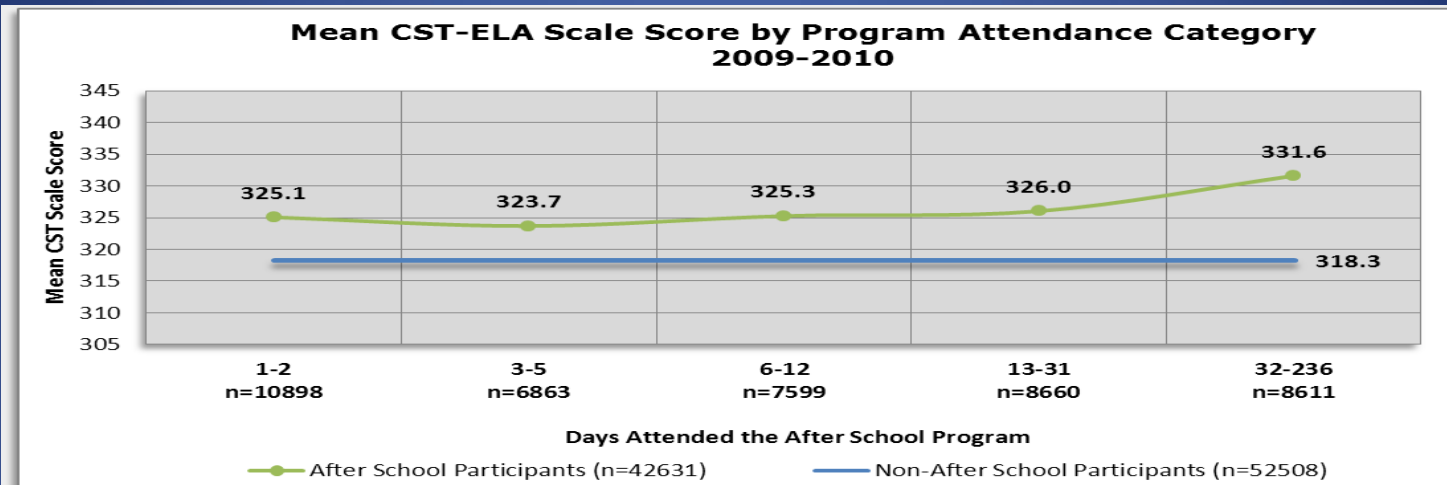


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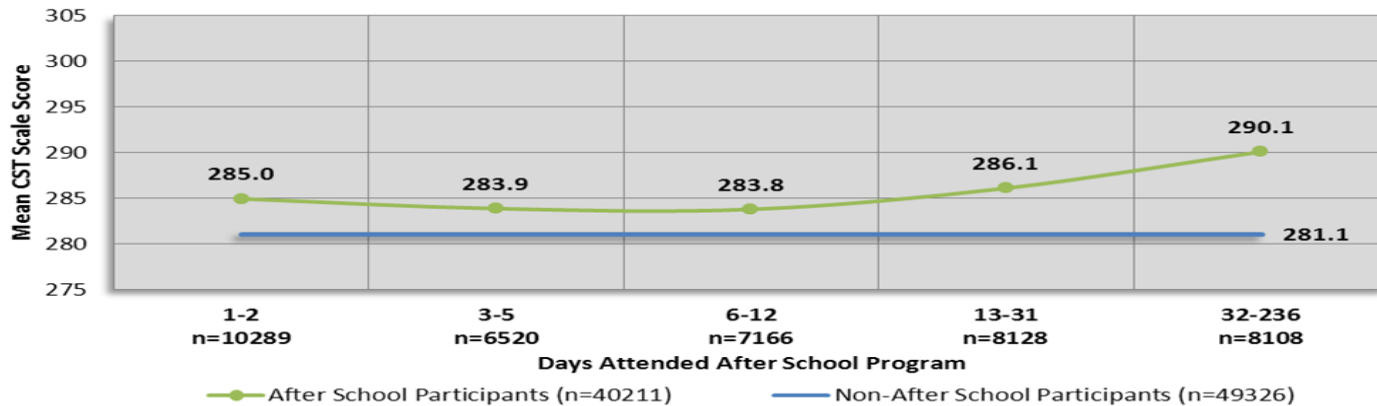
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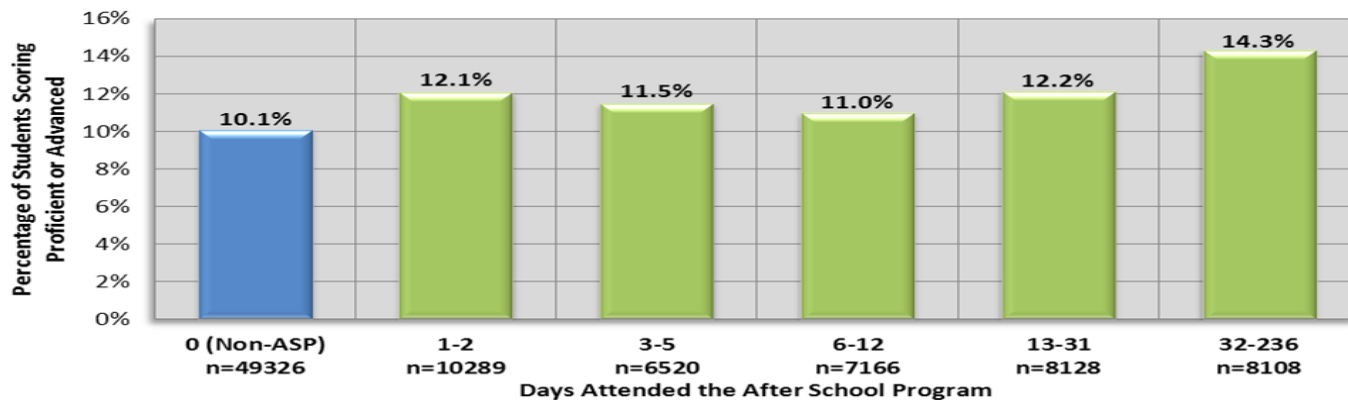
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**Mean CST-Math Scale Score by Program Attendance Category
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**CST-Math Performance by Program Attendance Category
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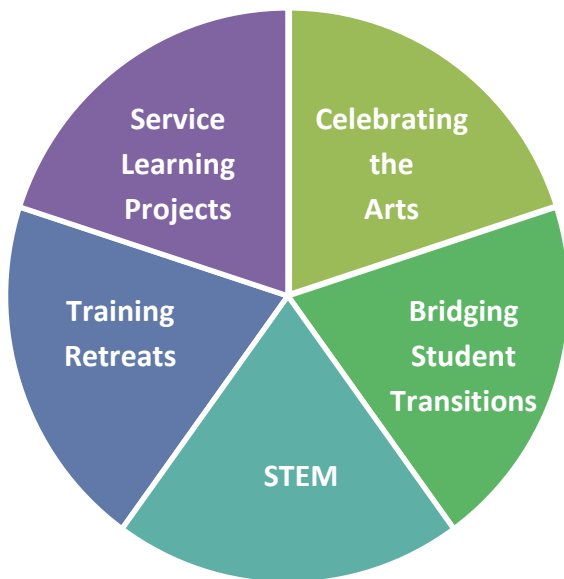
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TAKE ACTION

TAKE ACTION LEADERSHIP CAMPAIGN

One of the single greatest challenges educators face perennially is keeping students from dropping out. In 2008, LAUSD'S **Beyond the Bell Branch** met the challenge head on with its groundbreaking **TAKE ACTION CAMPAIGN (TAC)**. Operating under a "Stay Late/Graduate" paradigm, the idea was to engage, involve and inspire students with a variety of peer-driven programs that speak to "their" interests. Going beyond academics, novel and relevant programs were developed with a priority on student input focused on Visual, Performing, and Graphic Arts, Computer Sciences, Music, and Spoken Word; plus exciting student-led opportunities for service leadership. The result is a growing level of student interest and participation each year. Even more impressive, participating students are staying in school, improving their grades and advancing to college in greater numbers.

SELECT ELEMENTS OF TAKE ACTION



- **Talent Shows** are held at a growing number of high schools each year to determine each school's best singers, dancers, spoken word, musicians and visual artists. The winners advance to the Culmination finals, where they compete for scholarships.
- **Weekend and Week-long Camping Retreats** bring together students from different campuses for meaningful and fun activities to promote understanding among diverse cultures, develop leadership skills, and offer an experience of nature to many inner-city students for the first time.
- **CyberPatriot** is a nationwide computer challenge sponsored by the Air Force Association for students with programming skills and an advanced understanding of computer systems architecture. With CyberPatriot currently in place at 19 LAUSD schools, plans are to expand the program to all **TAKE ACTION** high schools and middle schools to put the young minds to work on creative solutions to cyber-security issues. Of the 500 teams participating in the program nationwide, four **TAKE ACTION** teams advanced to the top 36 in 2011.
- **Civic Events and Community Service Days** offer students the opportunity to have a positive impact on and off campus on issues of their choosing. In addition to student-led, on-campus programs addressing smoking cessation, domestic and sexual violence, students volunteer their time to raise money and advocate for the homeless, elderly and animal rights.
- **Ambassadors**-Ambassadors are the students who embody the objectives and spirit of **TAKE ACTION** on their campuses. They are the students who are called upon to carry out a number of responsibilities within the campaign itself, and are the face of **TAKE ACTION** to the public and VIP guests.

- **College Fairs and Tours-** Students take first steps toward their future at a one-day College Fair where they learn about college requirements, financial aid and college life. Throughout the year, **TAKE ACTION** students also participate in one-day tours of community colleges, campuses from both the California State and University of California systems, and private universities. By taking students to these different campuses, they can begin to shape their own futures by deciding what higher education path is right for them.
- **Student Mentoring-**High school TAC students ease the transitions for middle school students as they enter high school. The 8th Grade Bridge leadership initiative was launched to develop high school leaders to mentor 8th grade middle school students about to make the transition to high school. Through the campaign's Training of Trainers, these mentors are schooled in goal setting, communications skills, and community building and are later paired with 8th graders. Middle school students later take field trips to their future high schools. The 8th Grade Bridge aims to provide incoming high school students with the confidence and tools necessary to thrive.

TAKE ACTION FULFILLS ON OBJECTIVES

With support from government grants, foundations and the corporate community, **TAKE ACTION** has succeeded in:

- * Reducing youth violence * Reducing drop-out rates * Improving student achievement
- * Providing college readiness resources * Facilitating service learning * Encouraging volunteerism
- * Promoting visual and performing arts * Fostering workforce readiness

MILESTONES MEASURED BY GROWTH AND SUCCESS

Starting with just five schools, **TAKE ACTION** now includes more than 33 high schools and six middle schools and involves upwards of 37,000 students with exposure to 156,000 students per year. Research and evaluation of the effects of the Take Action has shown significant increases in school attendance rates and standardized test scores. Core funding is provided through a grant provided to participating schools through Title IV Safe Schools, Anti-Drug funds and a Federal 21st Community Learning Center grant.



The *Take Action* Campaign is a true collaborative effort by LAUSD/ Beyond the Bell and ECM (EduCare Foundation, Champions, and !Mpect). The **TAKE ACTION** team has recently presented at three major national education conferences and numerous state conferences. In November 2010, the four partnering organizations were awarded with the “**Innovation in High School After School Collaboration and Partnerships**” award by the California Afterschool Network.

For more information, visit <http://btb.lausd.net> (or) <http://www.takeactionleadershipcampaign.org/> (3/29/12)

