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|  | Senate of the  Student Government Association at Bakersfield College |

**So Stated by the Senate Resolution**

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**RESOLUTION: Student Parent Program**

***WHEREAS****, the student-parent population at Bakersfield College faces unique challenges in balancing academic responsibilities with parenting duties, which significantly hinders their ability to succeed in higher education; Whereas, these challenges often include limited time for studying, lack of access to resources, and insufficient support systems that specifically address their needs as both students and parents;*

***WHEREAS****, research indicates that targeted support services for student-parents can lead to increased retention and graduation rates as well as improved overall well-being;*

***WHEREAS****, the establishment of a lounge area dedicated to student parents would provide a supportive environment that fosters academic success, collaboration, and community among this demographic;*

***BE IT RESOLVED*** *that Bakersfield College establishes a dedicated lounge area designed to host a Student Parent Program that specifically addresses the challenges faced by student-parents;*

***BE IT RESOLVED*** *that this program will offer essential features including a study area equipped with desktops for academic work, workshops focused on the unique struggles of student parents and strategies for overcoming these challenges, as well as a resource center providing information on available support services for student-parents;*

***BE IT RESOLVED*** *that the college will allocate necessary funding and resources to implement and sustain this Student Parent Program, ensuring it is easily accessible to all student-parents;*

***BE IT RESOLVED*** *that Bakersfield College will actively collaborate with local community organizations, childcare providers, and other stakeholders to enhance support services and create a comprehensive network of resources for student-parents;*

***BE IT RESOLVED*** *that the effectiveness of the Student Parent Program will be regularly assessed and evaluated to ensure it meets the needs of student-parents, with ongoing adjustments made based on participant feedback and outcomes for continuous improvement.*

*I, BCSGA Secretary, certify that this resolution originated by the Senate of the Bakersfield College Student Government Association on December 6th, 2024.*

*BCSGA Secretary Date*

*We the Bakersfield College Student Body support this resolution on DATE.*

*BCSGA Vice President Date*