



# ON A PATH TO EDUCATIONAL EQUITY: The Story of MBK in New York State

New York State Board of Regents  
February 12, 2024 Board Meeting



# MBK

## HISTORICAL TIMELINE

### FEBRUARY 27, 2014

President Obama issues a presidential memorandum to create and expand opportunities for boys and young men of color, creating the *MBK Initiative*.

### SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

The first *MBK* forum is held to discuss the needs and strategies for implementing the initiative in New York State.

### DECEMBER 15, 2015

The Board of Regents recommends a \$50 million investment to the Legislature to improve outcomes for boys and young men of color.

### OCTOBER 9, 2019

NYSED announces \$2.65 million in *MBK Native American Program* grants to incentivize and support school districts to implement a coherent cradle-to-college/career strategy to improve life outcomes for disadvantaged Native Americans.

### JANUARY 11, 2021

The Board of Regents unanimously elects Dr. Lester W. Young, Jr. as Chancellor, the first African American to serve in that role. He vows to build more equitable and empowering futures for all New York students.

### APRIL 29, 2022

President Obama addresses *NYSMBK Symposium*.



### FEBRUARY 26, 2012

Trayvon Martin is shot and killed in Florida, sparking national conversations around race and equity.

### MAY 19, 2015

In New York State, the Board of Regents establishes the *Workgroup to Improve Outcomes for Boys and Young Men of Color*, Chaired by Regent Lester W. Young, Jr.

### NOVEMBER 9, 2015

The second *MBK* forum is held. The *Blue Ribbon Committee* and the *Workgroup to Improve Outcomes for Boys and Young Men of Color* finalize priorities and strategies to present to the Board of Regents.

### APRIL 4, 2016

The 2016-2017 New York State budget is adopted with \$20 million secured for *MBK*.

### FEBRUARY 8, 2021

The Board of Regents unanimously appoints Dr. Betty A. Rosa as Commissioner of Education, the first Latina to serve in that role. She promises to address the equity and opportunity gaps the State faces.

### MAY 19, 2023

*NYSMBK* Network reaches 36 member communities.

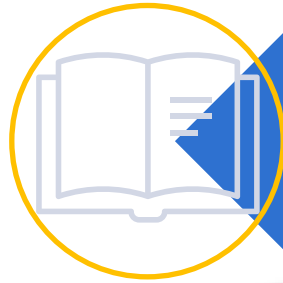
### AUGUST 2015

A *Blue Ribbon Committee* consisting of stakeholders is convened to support the *Workgroup*.

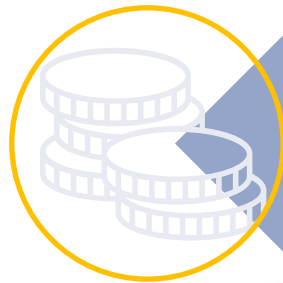
# MBK CHALLENGE GRANT



Entering School Ready  
to Learn



Reading at Grade Level  
by Third Grade



Financial Literacy  
Education

# INDIGENOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANT



**Akwesasne Mohawk youth participated in a presentation by Akwesasne's Jack Johnson, a traditional wooden lacrosse stick maker**

# NYSMBK FELLOWS PROGRAM GRANT



**Assigned Mentors**

**Community Service Projects**

**Mastermind Book Study**

**Professional Speaker Training**

**Stand and Deliver Speaker Showcase**



**NYCDOE Queens South HS  
Mastermind Book Study**

# **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT**



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# MY BROTHER'S KEEPER TEACHER OPPORTUNITY CORPS II GRANT

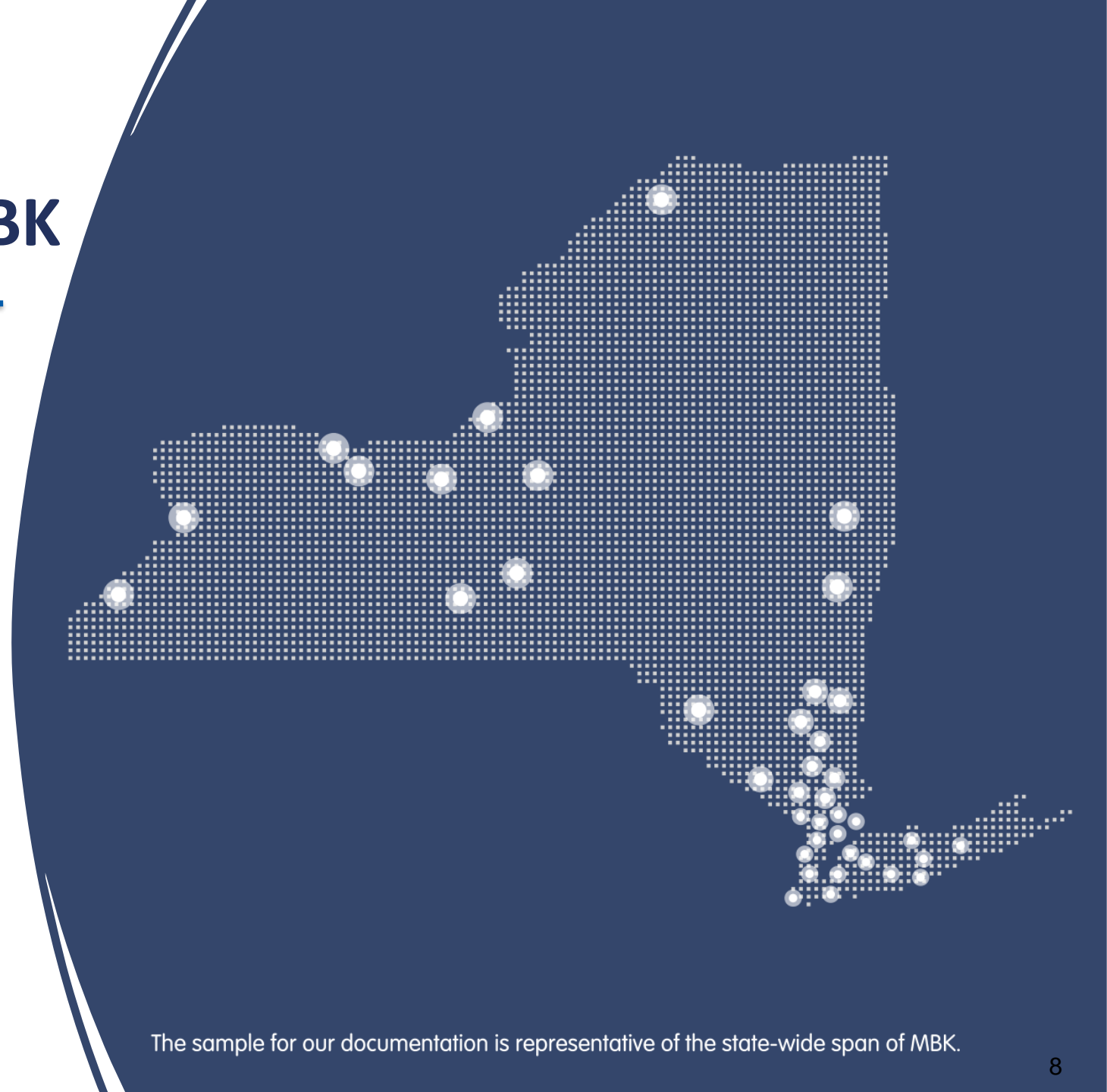


**TOC II Summit for future teachers and leaders**

# The Broad Reach of NYSMBK

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- 40 TOC II Grants**
- 105 Challenge Grants**
- 34 Indigenous Education**
- 107 Family & Community Engagement Grants**



The sample for our documentation is representative of the state-wide span of MBK.



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# Native Americans

82%



2016-2022  
NATIONAL AVERAGE  
74.9% (NCES, 2020)

52%

2016-2022

African Americans

85%



QUEENS MBK

NATIONAL AVERAGE  
81.1% (NCES, 2020)

70%

2016-2022

Hispanic/Latino Americans

83%



ROOSEVELT MBK

NATIONAL AVERAGE  
82.5% (NCES, 2020)

64%



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## **Next Steps:**

- **MBK Stand and Deliver 2/16**
- **Finalize and present Preliminary NYSMBK Evaluation**
- **Produce the NYSMBK Documentary (in progress)**
- **Issue TOC II Literacy RFP (in progress)**
- **MBK Symposium May 30, 2024**

