



Save Ethnic Studies

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Save Ethnic Studies calls press conference to head off TUSD board's end-run attempt to terminate the program without public input

On Monday, April 25 at 10 a.m. teachers from the TUSD Mexican American Studies program will hold a press conference in front of TUSD headquarters (1010 E. Tenth Street) to refute charges made in a resolution to the school board.

The resolution, which is designed to effectively terminate the current Mexican American Studies program, is **poised to be voted upon Tuesday night** at a school board meeting **without public input**.

The resolution, put forward by board member Mark Stegman, is rife with backhanded compliments and blatant misrepresentations of the facts regarding MAS's effectiveness, cost and class size. The resolution, which argues for making the classes electives, in essence terminates the only program that by TUSD's own analysis consistently improves student performance on AIMS reading and writing exams and increases graduation rates relative to the rest of the district.

MAS Teachers will show how the figures quoted in the resolution distort or outright lie about the true value of the program to forward a blatantly political agenda.

We urge the media to attend the press conference.

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