



**Save Ethnic Studies, Inc.**

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Parents to address student occupation of TUSD headquarters

On April 26, 2011 area students from the group UNIDOS – many of them participants in Tucson Unified School District’s Mexican American Studies (MAS) program – sprinted to the front of the TUSD boardroom and chained themselves to board members’ empty chairs. The action effectively shut down the meeting, which was to include a vote on a resolution designed to effectively eliminate the statistically-proven MAS classes.

The sit-in was an act of non-violent civil disobedience, which drew attention to the issue at a time when the media seemed to be turning a blind eye to the fate of the much-maligned and misunderstood courses.

If one looked around the room at the demonstration one would see a surprising number of parents in attendance. These parents support both the action and the program these young protesters were defending in the boardroom takeover.

On Friday, April 29, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the Save Ethnic Studies headquarters, 316 S. Convent, a group of the parents of student protesters will hold a press conference to defend the actions of their children and explain why they themselves consider the MAS classes worthy of this unorthodox defense.

We invite the press to come and hear a side of the story that has been under-reported in all of the ink and airtime spent on the topic to date.

**What:** Parent Press Conference

**When:** Friday, April 29, 2011, 6:30 pm

**Where:** 316 S. Convent Ave. Tucson, AZ 85701, Courtyard

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