



Save Ethnic Studies

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Tucson Unified School District Governing Board
Attention: President Dr. Mark Stegeman, TUSD Governing Board Members
1010 East 10th Street
Tucson, AZ, 85719

May 4, 2011

Re: Mexican American Studies Forum

Dear Dr. Stegeman and Governing Board Members,

Last night's decision to postpone a vote on the pending resolution concerning Mexican American Studies was a good decision for our community. In the meeting you committed to an open community forum on the current status and future of Mexican American Studies.

We invite the TUSD Governing Board to join Save Ethnic Studies, the Mexican American Studies educators, in co-sponsoring the proposed forum. We would jointly sponsor, plan and conduct this event.

We would like to commence a dialogue with the Governing Board immediately to decide on a neutral moderator, date, time, site and format for this forum. We believe that such a forum should include a panel of professionals. Our community deserves the opportunity for an open dialogue with the Governing Board that includes SES.

The only manner in which TUSD can gain legitimacy on this issue is to work jointly with the professionals who created and work everyday delivering this unique course of studies to our students. If the Governing Board is sincere in the promise made to our community last night then we trust that the Governing Board will respond favorably to our request.

Sincerely,

Deyanira Nevarez, Director
Save Ethnic Studies

c: John Pedicone, Superintendent