Hello fellow members of SAAABE! I am sending you three great news items for your reading and listening pleasure. SAAABE has been working hard for you and our students. Gracias. Rosa Zapata, SAAABE Member

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# **Mexican American Studies**

On behalf of the Mexican American Studies program at UTSA, I'd like to cordially invite you and the rest of the SAAABE community to attend our upcoming MAS K-12 Teacher Professional Development Workshop on Saturday, October 12, 2019, from 9a.m.-1:30 p.m. Our free workshop will take place at the UTSA Downtown Campus, Durango Building, La Villita Room (1st floor).

We're incredibly excited to grow our community of MAS K-12 educators in San Antonio and the state. We are particularly excited to create transformative relationships with bilingual education teachers who are already bringing so much conciencia around language and culture to their classrooms. We believe that MAS and BE have much in common and, together, can transform the lives of our students.

Given the growing demand for MAS in our public schools, and following the SBOE's approval for MAS, UTSA's MAS program has partnered with education policy and research organizations like IDRA and K-12 educators from our Somos MAS community. We believe that all students have the right to MAS curricula across grade levels, subject areas, and educational programs/models. As such, we've organized these teacher-led workshops to introduce K-12 teachers and community educators to teaching/learning approaches in the field of MAS and provide them with TEKS aligned lesson plans and resources. We're also offering continuing education credits to all participants and will provide breakfast and lunch, as well.

I hope you and members of the SAAABE can attend our workshop. We appreciate you sharing this flyer and link with teachers in your network and hope you can encourage them to attend. This will be a great opportunity for bilingual educators to learn more about MAS and how to bridge MAS with BE in their classrooms.

Attached is our flyer. I've also included our registration link below:

https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07egmat56ga6acffd7&oseq&c&ch&fbclid=IwAR0hsgDXADuZCoTcNtv88zF96GFBXm6AWEfPwbCWQZOZUUP22tgMoEXIpZQ

Muchísimas gracias and hope you can make it to our workshop on Saturday! We will have two K-5 th grade dual-language MAS teachers facilitating a session on bringing MAS to the classroom.

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# Dual Language education in Bexar County in the Express-News - September 22, 2019

**Dr. Claudia Trevino Garcia** comments "It is a great article! It really raises the level of awareness about SA's districts' level of commitment to DLE in our city and how the city as a whole will benefit from this."

This story shared by Jackie Christenson, SAAABE Member

Use this link to get the whole story

As dual language programs soar in San Antonio schools, growing pains ensue <a href="https://www.expressnews.com/news/education/article/doubling-down-dual-language-programs-in-San-Antoni-">https://www.expressnews.com/news/education/article/doubling-down-dual-language-programs-in-San-Antoni-</a>

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This message was sent via expressnews.com.

# **Dual Language Interview on TPR "The Source"**

Did you all hear the great interview on TPR "The Source" today? You can hear it on this link. Great job, Claudia Trevino Garcia and Hugo Hernandez and reporter Alia Malik

Link: https://www.tpr.org/post/san-antonio-schools-face-high-demand-dual-language-learning

This talk references the report below.

San Antonio Schools Face High Demand For Dual-Language Learning
By KIM JOHNSON & DALLAS WILLIAMS • OCT 2, 2019

# **Guests:**

Alia Malik, education reporter for the San Antonio Express-News

Claudia Treviño Garcia, assistant professor in practice in the College of Education and Human

Development at the University of Texas at San Antonio, secretary of the San Antonio Area

Association for Bilingual Education (SAABE) and former bilingual programs coordinator for East

Central ISD Hugo Hernandez, president of the SAAABE saaabeoftexas.com and treasurer for the Texas Association for Bilingual Education

The Source" is a live call-in program airing Mondays through Thursdays from 12-1 p.m. Leave a message before the program at (210) 615-8982. During the live show, call 210-614-8980, email the source@tpr.org or tweet @TPRSource.

\*This interview was recorded on Thursday, October 3.

# **National Chicano Student Walkouts Conference**

University of Texas - San Antonio Downtown Campus
Our Lady of the Lake University
November 20-23, 2019

#### **Dear Mexican American Studies educator and advocate**

The National Chicano Students Walkout Conference invites students from elementary, middle and high schools to create exhibits in writing and through all art modes and media acknowledging the courageous actions of students fifty years ago. This is an opportunity to have students interpret those actions and also relate them to the context and conditions students experience today. Teachers can use this theme to connect to happenings that have been important in the history of Mexican Americans and also encourage students to explore issues of justice and equity. Student products will be exhibited on walls and in exhibit areas. The language arts, social studies, media and fine arts TEKS, as currently identified by MAS teachers, legitimize these activities in the classroom in elementary through secondary instruction.

Some Information about the walkouts is attached. More will be sent out in August.

Brief narrative: The Chicano movement of the 60s and 70s was energized and in key ways represented by the public-school walkouts by students. Some received national attention: Edcouch Elsa, Edgewood, Crystal City while others received minimal local interest from the media. All the protests spotlighted the injustices and inequities in the schools. Students and families marched to proclaim that these institutions that were so important to the economic and social future of La Raza were racist and segregated. From low expectations of students to the forbidding of the use of Spanish, the list of grievances was very similar from the gulf coast of south Texas to the schools in East LA. All the southwestern states experienced the walkouts, marches and other public forms of protest. The National Chicano Students Walkout Conference has created a student project that will involve elementary and secondary students. With the assistance and encouragement of teachers and other mentors the conference is inviting works of art in all forms: written, painted, composed, recorded and videotaped. To assist teachers in developing some lessons to introduce the walkouts of 50 years ago, a compilation of print media and online links to resources is attached. The resources will

increase as the current research continues and will be available on the conference site.

https://chicanohistorytx.org/
Contact Aurelio Montemayor, member of the conference coordination team, for more information.

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Let us know how your schools are doing so that we can send your accomplishments out to our membership.

Gracias, Rosa Zapata

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