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Hundreds of Students Set to Mobilize for November 18 LAUSD Meeting LA Students & the Nation Await Board's Vote on Making Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement

Los Angeles, CA | Hundreds of students will be bused to LAUSD headquarters on Tuesday, November 18, for a press conference and rally in anticipation of LAUSD's historic vote to make Ethnic Studies a graduation requirement for all students. For months, students, parents, teachers and education advocates have collected signatures, met with elected officials and made presentations before neighborhood councils to get their support and endorsement for their Ethnic Studies Now campaign.

"My fellow students and I have worked hard to do our part in making Ethnic Studies a graduation requirement a reality," said Pedro Tavera, senior at Maya Angelou Community High School. "Once we learned the resolution would be sponsored by board member Kayser and co-sponsored by Zimmer and McKenna, not to mention the letters of support we started receiving from neighborhood councils, professors, community organizations, City Councils, State and local elected officials, we knew our work wasn't done, that we had to work even harder to get the other board members to support us."

"This is probably one of the most significant votes LAUSD will likely cast in a generation," said Ron Gochez, one of the organizers of the Ethnic Studies Now Campaign. "The notion that one of the largest school districts in the country, with one of the most diverse student populations in the world is about to cast a vote that will require all LAUSD students to have a better understanding and respect for other cultures, traditions, and histories is a remarkable fete. What LAUSD does on November 18 will not only have consequences for our students, but we believe that this will become a model for other districts to follow."

WHO: Students, teachers, parents, community advocates, elected officials

WHAT: Press conference & rally in support of LAUSD's vote to make Ethnic Studies a graduation requirement for all students.

WHEN: Tuesday, 18 November 2014, 4PM

WHERE: LAUSD Headquarters, 333 South Beaudry Avenue

VISUALS: Banners, posters, hundreds of students marching and chanting

For more information, please visit our website at www.ethnicstudiesnow.com