

News Release

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East Side Union Board Member Seeks Student Input

In an effort to obtain input from students throughout the East Side Union High School District, **Trustee Patricia Martinez-Roach** meets monthly with student representatives from all schools to discuss student related matters and seek student recommendations. Trustee Martinez-Roach has conducted these sessions for the past few years and has provided the full Board with updates on the results of these meetings. The Board often uses the students' input to guide policy decisions.

The meetings are held at a different school each month. The first meeting will be held at Piedmont Hills High School, 1377 Piedmont Road at 4 p.m. on September 8, 2003. All students are welcome to participate on this committee. The students discuss critical topics such as campus safety and cleanliness, curriculum offerings, food (quality, price and service), student activities and school climate.

Superintendent Esperanza Zendejas commended Ms. Roach on her efforts to reach out to all students and to listen to what they have to say. "Too often, decisions get made on what is best for the adults instead of the students and this forum is a good way for us to engage students in meaningful discussion and use their input in the policy-making process. I applaud Ms. Roach for organizing these sessions and look forward to working with her on this important initiative," said Zendejas.

Last year, the students on this committee helped develop board policies for the District's Food Services and Child Nutrition Program.

A schedule of the meetings of the Student/Board Relations Committee is posted on the ESUHSD web site. These meeting dates are also available in the District's parent and student handbooks.

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