

**EAST SIDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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## **News Release**

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### **East Side Union Parents Organize Parent Empowerment Conference**

The East Side Union High School District Parent Advisory Planning Committee has organized their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Parent Empowerment Conference and Resource Fair. The conference will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2003, at James Lick High School, 57 North White Road from 8:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. All East San Jose parents are invited to attend.

The goal of the conference is to empower parents with the tools and resources to better support their children. ABC 7 News reporter Rigo Chacon is scheduled to make the keynote address. Workshops will be offered in a variety of areas such as: Understanding School Requirements, Magnet & Academy School Programs, College/Careers, Overview of Special Education, The Way to College, and Communication and Discipline. Many workshops will be available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. There will also be a resource fair promoting city, county, community and district support services.

Dr. Esperanza Zendejas, Superintendent of East Side Union High School District who will be at the conference, strongly encourages parents to attend. "We need parents to be involved in the educational process. Too often at the high school level there is a tendency for parents to back off and give the students more independence. However, research has proven that students whose parents are involved perform better academically. Please join us," said Zendejas.

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