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Saturday, August 22, 2009

2009 Everybody Recommitting to Academic Achievement Conference (ERAA)

Call for Presenters

Dear Prospective Presenter:

The annual ERAA Conference is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 8:00am to 12:30pm at Lincoln High School. This is the sixth year that several community based agencies including PAZZAZ, Inc. (conference co-founder), the San Diego Unified School District, and local elected officials have teamed up to coordinate a back-to-school conference, education rally, and festival with over 100 exhibitors.

This conference is designed for parents to help their students jump start their knowledge, increase study habits, and motivate students as they begin a new school year. In addition workshops are designed to provide families the resources and tools they need to support their children academically, emotionally and developmentally. The workshops will be organized for 1) parents, staff, and community members, 2) parents and their children in grades K-3, and, 3) students in grades 4-12. Last year, over 800 parents and 1,200 K-12 students participated, and this year we are planning for many more. All workshops will be one hour to 45 minutes in length.

At the festival, immediately after the conference (12:30-3:00pm), all students will receive free back-to-school backpacks filled with school supplies ranging from pencils and paper to dictionaries. Families will also have the opportunity to visit exhibitor's tables and receive information and resources from several agencies and community groups. A free continental breakfast, mid morning snack and lunch will also be provided to all participants during the day.

A luncheon is also scheduled for Friday, August 7, 2009 to raise monies to fund the conference and to award a scholarship honoring Walter Kudumu, conference co-founder and community activist, known for his work at the Center for Parent Involvement in Education (CPIE).

The 2009 ERAA Conference Workshop Committee chaired by Bea Fernández and Andrea Thrower is inviting interested workshop presenters to share their knowledge and strategies to help close the achievement gap. We have identified three strands with specific topics to address the different ways we work together to help students be successful in school. We hope you will decide to join us at the ERAA Conference and present in your area of interest and expertise. Please fill out the enclosed form with this information and return to us by June 1. We will contact you with further information once we receive your presenter form.

Looking forward to working with you,

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Workshops for Parents/Staff/Community, Parents/K-3 Students

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