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Cultures and Communities as the Foundation for Academic Excellence

~ Curtis Acosta, Ph.D.



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Thursday, August 20, 2015
5:30-6:30 pm—Preview of the film “Precious Knowledge”
6:30-8:30 pm—Keynote Presentation by Dr. Acosta

Edmonds School District Board Rooms
20420 68th Ave W—Lynnwood

Dr. Curtis Acosta was a high school teacher for nearly 20 years in Tucson, where he developed and taught Chican@/ Latin@ Literature classes for the renowned Mexican American Studies program in the Tucson Unified School District. He is an award-winning educator who was recently named one of the “Top 10 Latinos to Watch in US Politics” by the Huffington Post. Curtis was featured in the documentary *Precious Knowledge* and his teaching also received profiles on *The Daily Show* with John Stewart, CNN, PBS, The New York Times, and The Los Angeles Times amongst many other media outlets. He has been fortunate to have articles published in The English Journal, Voices in Urban Education, Multicultural Perspectives and the book *Educational Courage: Resisting the Ambush of Public Education*.

Dr. Acosta is also the founder of the Acosta Latino Learning Partnership; an educational consultation firm committed to help educators create empowering and engaging pedagogical practices in their classrooms, schools, and communities throughout the United States.

In response to the elimination of Mexican American Studies in Tucson, Curtis created the Chican@ Literature, Art and Social Studies (CLASS) program where high school students receive free college credit through a partnership with Prescott College; along with being a founding member of the newly established Xican@ Institute for Teaching and Organizing (XITO).

Dr. Acosta received his Bachelor’s of Arts degree from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, and later obtained a Master’s of Arts degree and Ph.D. in Language, Reading, and Culture from the University of Arizona in Tucson.

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