

Obama Calls Quality Education a Necessity

A quality education is a necessity for Americans to compete

The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act has invested heavily in education, he said, by providing funds to improve schools and make college more affordable. His budget, to be submitted later this week, would create new incentives for teacher performance, paths for advancement and rewards for success, Obama said.



in a global economy, President Barack Obama told a joint session of Congress Tuesday. "That is why it will be the goal of this administration to ensure that every child has access to a complete and competitive education -- from the day they are born to the day they begin a career," Obama told lawmakers, Cabinet members, justices and invited guests. Roughly 75 percent of the fastest-growing occupations require more than a high school diploma, "yet just over half of our citizens have that level of education," Obama said. "We have one of the highest high school dropout rates of any industrialized nation," he said. "And half of the students who begin college never finish."

While lawmakers and educators are responsible for making the education system work, it is the responsibility of citizens to participate. "And so tonight, I ask every American to commit to at least one year or more of higher education or career training," Obama said. "This can be community college or a four-year school; vocational training or an apprenticeship." Recognizing the high cost of college tuition, Obama said the federal government would ensure that people who volunteer in the community or for serve in the military can afford a higher education, and asked Congress to forward to him such legislation.

Hilda Solis is the New U.S. Secretary of Labor



Solis's appointment means President Obama will have two Hispanics serving on his cabinet as did both of his predecessors. The other, Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar, was approved in January. Solis's political career began in 1985, when she was elected to serve on the Rio Honda Community College of Trustees. In 1994, after a two-year stint with the California State Assembly, she became the first Hispanic woman elected to the California Senate. In that capacity, she spearheaded the drive to raise the state's minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.75 in 1996. A lifetime resident of the agricultural-turned-suburban area of the San Gabriel Valley, she is the daughter of immigrants who met in citizenship class. Her father, an immigrant from Mexico, came to work in the battery recycling plant in the city of Industry. There, he organized for the Teamsters, fighting to improve the health-care benefits for employees. Her mother, an immigrant from Nicaragua, was a member of the United Rubber Workers union while working for 22 years on the assembly line for Mattel Inc. On the heels of Solis's nomination, some Republicans threatened a filibuster, citing concerns that she was unresponsive to their concerns, and too union friendly. Also, at one point her confirmation was jeopardized by her husband's tax troubles. Sam Sayyad, who runs an auto shop, recently paid about \$6,400 to the government to settle a tax lien for his business stemming from 1993.

Olmos: 'DISCIPLINE' is the key to success

Editor's note: Amalia Aguero attended this event as a guest to her niece Eliana Reyes and wanted to share her experience with the community. Special Thanks to Mario Ybarra, LISD Boardmember and Dr. Juan Munoz, VP of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement.

By Amalia Aguero
Harwell Elementary had a very special guest last Thursday. Edward James Olmos best know for appearing in "Miami Vice" and starring in "Stand and Deliver," made a special stop at the school to speak to the students about "DISCIPLINE."



Although Olmos is known as an actor in Hollywood he is also well known as a 'Friend in Education,' but as he explains his success did not come easy. Olmos started his speech in Spanish, "como estan todos? Todos que me entienden levanten tus manos." About 90% of the students in attendance raised their hands. "Oh, that's good you're bilingual," Olmos stated.

Olmos continued by explaining to the students that he never thought he would be where he is today because he is dyslexic. It was very hard for him to learn in school because he did not get diagnosed until his own son was diagnosed with dyslexia. "But the key to success is to do the things you love to do, even if you

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we really want to do when we grow up, I liked him he was funny!" Reyes made a point to take a picture with Olmos when he visited because her mom met him when she was a teenager. Olmos was promoting "Stand and Deliver" in Las Vegas when Zenaida Aguero-Reyes got a chance to take a picture with him. Reyes stated her mom told her to tell him that she is a second generation Olmos fan but stated she got nervous and just smiled.

speech directed to the students never strayed from his main message--you will not succeed without discipline. Fifth grade student Eliana Reyes stated that Olmos was influential. "I think he helped us think about what



don't want to do it," Olmos exclaimed. He states with discipline he can guarantee success. As his speech continued the students sat on the gym floor in complete attentiveness to his story. He was animated and the students laughed. He asked questions and the



Edward James Olmos and Eliana Reyes Photo taken by Mario Ybarra



Zenaida Aguero-Reyes, Amalia Aguero, and Joe Adam Riojas taking a picture with Olmos when he was promoting "Stand and Deliver"

Roy Luera Named New Director at Fort Custer National Cemetery



Roy Luera, of Olton, Texas, was recently named the director of Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan. He reported for duty on February 23, 2009. As the director, Luera is responsible for all administrative, burial and maintenance operations at this cemetery. Prior to this assignment, Luera was the assistant director of Puerto Rico National Cemetery from Feb. 3, 2008. In August 2007, he graduated from the 12 month cemetery director program at VA's National Cemetery Administration National Training Center in St. Louis. Following his graduation, he served as the assistant to the director at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon, Calif., from September 30, 2007 to February

2008. Luera, an Air Force veteran, retired after 20 years of service. His military career progressed from an apprentice technician to section chief, and he also served as a flight sergeant supervising more than 30 Air Force personnel. In 2003, Luera joined the National Cemetery Administration as a cemetery caretaker at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. While assigned to this cemetery, Luera served as chairman of the awards panel and was selected as employee representative on the safety committee. Veterans with a discharge of other than dishonorable, their

spouses and eligible dependent children can be buried in a VA national cemetery. Other burial benefits available for eligible veterans, regardless of whether they are buried in a national cemetery or a private cemetery, include a burial flag, a Presidential Memorial Certificate and a government headstone or a marker. In the midst of the largest cemetery expansion since the Civil War, VA operates and maintains 128 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico, and 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites. More than three million Americans, including veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA's national cemeteries.

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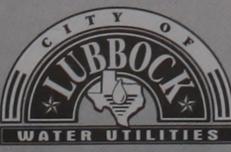
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