

Dear Partner in Educating English Learners,

February 2016

San Diego Unified School District is currently engaged in a campaign known as **Grad Nation**. This powerful, collaborative effort fuels the goal of increasing graduation rates for our students learning English. Over the next nine months, business members, community members, parents/guardians, staff and students will be collaborating together on this work.

You have been invited to contribute your valuable perspective and expertise to support promising practices to help our students learning English reach the goal of 90% graduation rate in 4 years.

It's our hope that you will participate in the following community engagement workshops to shape an effective and innovative San Diego Unified English Learner Master Plan.

We are honored to have **Aída Walqui**, English learner scholar and Director of Teacher Professional Development Program at WESTEd launch our first workshop on March 7th. Aída Walqui will also be involved in our final session at the Grad Nation Summit.

| Event | Date | Time | Location |
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| Workshop 1 | March 7th | 5:30-7:30 pm | Lincoln High School |
| Workshop 2 | April 21 | 5:30-7:30 pm | Hoover High School |
| Workshop 3 | June 20 | 5:30-7:30 pm | TBD |
| Workshop 4 | September 28 | 5:30-7:30 pm | TBD |
| Grad Nation Summit | October 20 th | 2:00-7:00 pm | TBD |

On March 7th, transportation to Lincoln High School will be provided. Buses will be leaving **promptly at 4:30** from Hoover and Crawford High Schools.

Childcare and translation services will be provided.

Please RSVP to epappas@sandi.net to be included in this collaborative effort to serve our students learning English.

Include the following information in your reply:

1. Name
2. Organization
3. Translation services needed? Include Language.
4. Child Care services needed? How many children?

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Pappas
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Grad Nation Steering Committee