

Unified School District

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This letter is to inform you of our forthcoming recruiting trip to your city. As employees of the Unified School District No. 1 of Racine, Wisconsin and Mexican-American citizens of this community, we are very interested in attracting administrators, teachers and counselors to this district.

We have a growing population of Mexican-Americans in the community and a student population of 31,910, of which 1500 are Mexican-American. For example, in one of our schools we have 116 Chicano students and not one Chicano teacher. We have no Chicano counselors in our schools and frankly speaking, our students have no one to talk to, model after or to encourage them to continue their education.

The city of Racine has a population of 100,000 and approximately 8,000 are Spanish speaking citizens. Racine is nationally known for some industries and is an industrial city. Racine is located 67 miles north of Chicago, Illinois and 27 miles south of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There are many neighboring farms where our people originally came and found work before they settled in the city.

The Chicano movement has recently become more organized here in Racine and we are struggling for unity and equal opportunities for all of our people.

We would be most appreciative if you would inform your community of our interest. We desperately need professional people to give our children leadership, and we would be happy to get any names of people interested in positions. If you have any ideas of ways in which we could meet people by other means than our schedule at the placement offices at the colleges, we would be happy to make arrangements.

If you would like anymore information or have any questions, please call Yvonne Tellez at 632-9702, home 639-4380; or Anita Herrera at 637-9511, ext. 251 and home 637-6461.

Sincerely,

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