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For Immediate Release:

**ENSJ hosts the 7th Annual Anti-Racist, Anti-Bias Teaching Conference**

**Saturday May 3rd 2014**

**from 8:30 am - 3:15 pm**

**at the Indian Community School in Franklin, WI**

**(just south of Milwaukee)**

For seven years teachers, administrators, parents, and youth have been raving about the Anti-Racist, Anti-Bias conference. No other conference in Milwaukee tackles the real issues that teachers face in schools today.

This year, the Educators Network for Social Justice (ENSJ) is honored to host Curtis Acosta as the keynote speaker. Mr. Acosta, a veteran high school teacher in Tucson, developed and taught Chican@/Latin@ literature classes for the district’s acclaimed Mexican-American Studies (MAS) program. His classes have been profiled nationally, appearing in The New York Times, CNN and the Los Angeles Times. Stephanie Schneider of ENSJ, had this to say about Mr. Acosta and the conference this year,

“We are incredibly excited about this year's conference.  So many talented educators and activists have put a lot of work into crafting engaging and thought provoking workshops.  We are especially looking forward to hosting Curtis Acosta--I can promise that no one will leave his keynote without feeling inspired.  If you want to remember why you got into teaching this is the conference for you.”

This year’s conference will also include 19 workshops, a panel on school privatization, and two youth panels. Some of the workshops being offered include:

Positive Classroom Climates, Viva Ethnic Studies, Lost Ladies of Color, Living your Social Justice, Gender Justice in the Classroom, Promoting Culturally Conscience Literature, Empowering ELL students, and Wisconsin Act 31 -Understanding the Law and Connecting Resources

We encourage all students, teachers, administrators, parents, and all others who work in the field of education to attend this conference. This day is sure to revitalize your teaching and inspire your work!

More information can be found at [www.ensj.weebly.com](http://www.ensj.weebly.com), including registration. Discounts are available for students and groups.

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