

PREP SUPPORT COMMITTEE

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NOTE TO THE PRESS

PUBLIC RALLY TO LAUNCH PETITION DRIVE TO SAVE NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED PREP PROGRAM

- WHO:** Past PREP participants, parents and family of PREP participants, students, community activists, educators, business people, healthcare practitioners, artists, lawyers, religious, engineers, administrators, and other concerned individuals who have come together to form the PREP Support Committee;
- WHAT:** To launch a petition drive, asking UTSA President Ricardo Romo to intervene to “SAVE PREP & KEEP DR. B.” – and countermand the decision of a local UTSA administrator to remove PREP Founding Director Manuel P. Berriozábal, Ph.D. from the helm of the award-winning PREP programs: San Antonio PREP, Tex-PREP, and Proyecto Access;
- WHEN:** Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2003, at 2:00 PM
- WHERE:** Downtown UTSA Campus: Free Speech Area (aka Bill Miller Plaza)
- WHY:** Thousands of students, particularly girls and students of color, in Texas and around the nation – including 10,000 students from San Antonio alone – have benefited from the rigorous summer mathematics program that UTSA Mathematics Professor Berriozábal established 25 years ago. The PREP Support Committee has repeatedly sought and obtained no response from UTSA as to why one of its administrators has summarily and arbitrarily dismissed Dr. Berriozábal from the helm of the PREP programs. Already, Tex-PREP programs in three cities have shut down under this UTSA administrator’s management. ***San Antonio can’t afford to lose PREP; Dr. Berriozábal must be reinstated at the PREP helm.***

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