



To: Minidoka County School District Board Members
From: Veronica Granillo Minico High School ELL Coordinator
Subject: Latinos In Action Minico Sr. High School
Purpose: Request to receive approval for a Latinos in Action account and fundraisers

Esteemed Members of the Board:

I am writing this letter introducing the newest leadership course for Latino students at Minico High School. Latinos In Action (LIA) is an in-school elective course that employs an asset-based approach to bridging the graduation and opportunity gap for Latino students, working from within the educational system to create positive change. LIA staff work with professional educators to develop students' personal and cultural assets, promote academic excellence, teach the value of community service, and develop students' leadership skills. Through the LIA curriculum, and with the guidance and mentoring of trained teachers, LIA empowers Latino youth to become leaders.

As a reflection of the commitment to community service, all LIA students participate in a peer mentoring program to tutor students at local elementary schools, nearly doubling our reach. Also, as a result of participation, 98% of LIA students graduate from high school and 85% enroll in college. With college chapters and alumni associations, LIA has created a pipeline from elementary school into the professional world for the purpose of creating leaders prepared with the skills and abilities they need to be successful.

As part of a growing organization, there are several opportunities for growth and learning for our students. The current planned list of events include: a Latinos in Action student leadership conference on March 2, 2020, at Weber State University in Ogden, UT, and a leadership bootcamp in June (location and date are yet to be determined). Locally our students are planning several service activities, presentations by professionals to discuss career options in class, and social activities.

Part of the process for learning responsibility for these students is to know what it takes to work hard for what they want to achieve. In doing their own fundraising, I believe that they can have a better understanding of the concept. We would really appreciate your support by permitting us to have an account in school in which we can deposit fundraiser monies and donations. A parent night and folkloric dance troupe are just two of the projects we are eager to start.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Estimated costs for our ambitions are included at the end of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Granillo at 208 (436-4721).

Approximate costs for travel and lodging: 1500
Approximate cost for Social Activities Committee: 500
Approximate cost for Service Projects: 100
Approximate cost for Professionalism Committee: 100

Sincerely,

Veronica Granillo