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## Events Coming Up!

**Rodriguez  
vs.  
San Antonio**  
50th Anniversary Commemoration

**The Fight for Fair School Funding**

**Equity: Past, Present and Future**

TRINITY UNIVERSITY  
CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP  
50th IDRA  
EDGEWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

*The case that led to IDRA's founding*

<https://idra.news/Rodriguez50thEvent>

## In-person & Virtual Rodriguez v. San Antonio 50th Anniversary Commemoration

# The Fight for School Finance Equity: Past, Present, and Future

Wednesday, March 22, 2023  
4:30-7:30 pm CT  
Virtual: 5:00-7:30 pm CT

San Antonio is the place where the battle for fair funding of schools in Texas was born with the *Rodríguez vs. San Antonio ISD* case and the series of Edgewood cases that followed. This community was at the front of what turned out to be a hard and often bitter fight that has continued for decades – the fight to assure that children in this and other communities like it would not continue to suffer under a bad and unjust system of financing schools.

On the 50th anniversary of this momentous ruling, IDRA, Trinity University and its Center for Education Leadership, and Edgewood ISD are hosting a commemorative event to reflect on the case, its impact, and its legacy of struggle and activism.

This case led to IDRA’s founding, also 50 years ago. [Learn more.](#)

Hear today's Texas Public Radio interview: [Fronteras: 'This is our legacy' — Commemorating 50 years of the fight for school finance equity in Rodríguez vs San Antonio ISD](#)

Registration is not needed to attend in person.

[See Agenda & Register to Watch Online](#)



**Free Webinar**  
**How the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership Engages Struggling Students**  
 Wednesday, March 29, 2023 • 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm CT

**Webinar ~ March 29**

# How the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership Engages Struggling Students

Wednesday, March 29, 2023  
2:00-3:00 pm CT

**Find out key factors that keep students coming back and how can you help them feel a sense of success day after day.**

IDRA will show strategies that have been proven successful in the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership program and how you can integrate them into your school planning for the next school year.

With a strong research base, the IDRA Valued Youth Partnership has demonstrated tremendous success in helping students focus on their education and increasing attendance by focusing on students with the highest need of support. For almost four decades, the VYP has kept 35,000 students in school and positively impacted the lives of 750,000 children, families and educators!

Get an overview of the program, its strong research base and steps to bring the program to your school, including how to cover the cost.

**And hear students and teachers describe their VYP experience!**

Schools need partners with a record of proven success because all children are valuable, none is expendable.

**Register Now!**

Contact Dr. Nilka Avilés ([nilka.aviles@idra.org](mailto:nilka.aviles@idra.org)) if you are interested in bringing the program to your school or for any questions about the Valued Youth Partnership program.

Webinar for San Antonio-area Middle Schools

# Bring VisionCoders to Your School

March 27, 2023 @ 4:00 pm



High-quality, SEL & asset-based eighth-grade computer science course for students in at-risk situations

No cost to the school



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## Webinar ~ March 27

# Bring VisionCoders to Your School

Wednesday, March 27, 2023  
4:00-5:00 pm CT

### Calling all San Antonio-area middle schools!

We have a unique opportunity for your school community that can greatly benefit your students with a high-quality, social-emotional learning (SEL ) and asset-based STEM-CS program – at no cost to you. This in-school program offers students who are in at-risk situations to become the next generation of software coders through IDRA’s innovative project, **VisionCoders**. In this course, eighth-grade students create educational games for prekindergarten and first grade students in their school community.

Learn more about this incredible program and why you will want to launch it at your school during the 2023-24 school year.

[Register Now!](#)

For more information, contact Dr. Stephanie Garcia, VisionCoders project director and IDRA’s STEM and gender equity education specialist at [stephanie.garcia@idra.org](mailto:stephanie.garcia@idra.org).

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