

ESCUELA TO OPEN IN SANTA FE

Another Chicano escuela and colegio is about to open in Aztlán: la Escuela Tonantzín de Santa Fe. Escuela Tonantzín will be the only Chicano school here in Nuevo México. It is for the benefit of the Chicano in Aztlán. La Escuela is being started as an alternative to the Gringo schools, because Gringo schools are not made to educate Chicanos but only to educate and benefit the Gringo. This has been going on for too long--Basta ya! Now the Chicanos will educate their people, by the people and only by the Chicano.

The Escuela is named after Tonantzín, Our Mother, one of the main goddesses of the ancient Indians in Mexico. The Aztecs had a temple for her at Tepeyac. It was on this same spot that the shrine to the Virgin of Guadalupe was later placed by Catholic priests who came after the Spanish conquest. Worship for Tonantzín was transferred to the Virgin by the priests. By naming our Escuela after Tonantzín, we are saying that we love and respect our Indio origins.

The courses at Escuela Tonantzín will consist of the basic requirements such as reading, spelling and math, but will be taught with Chicano methods rather than the traditional educational philosophy.

Tonantzín is affiliated with the Escuela Tlatelolco in Denver. It is located at Our Lady of Victory convent, San Isidro Parish, on Agua Fria street. For further information, contact El Comité Central de los Barrios, 318 Aztec, Santa Fe, N.M. 87501. Telephone: (505) 982-2970.

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