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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
28th Annual Regional Migrant Parent Conference

On Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Fresno County Office of Education's Migrant Education Program, Region IV, will host its 28th Annual Regional Migrant Parent Conference at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, located at 2233 Ventura Street, Fresno.

Paul Lomeli-Azoubel, co founder and Executive Chairman of SABEResPODER (Knowledge is Power), will deliver the lunch keynote address. Mr. Lomeli-Azoubel brings a diverse background in the field of education and having been a migrant farm worker himself, he has a keen understanding of the specific needs within the migrant community. "Whenever I am asked to speak to migrant parents, I am always humbled by how hard they work and yet, how much time and energy they still devote to advocating on behalf of their children's education."

In keeping with its mission of providing Latino communities with practical educational tools for success SABEResPODER hosts the annual Migrant Scholars Leadership Institute at UCLA, which provides leadership training and educational resources to children of migrant farm workers so that they can access higher education, achieve personal goals and become agents of social change within their communities.

This year's Migrant Parents Conference theme is "Parent Participation, Student Success," and includes a lineup of dynamic speakers and workshops. Topics range from family life to college admissions. More than 400 migrant parents, representing school districts from throughout Fresno County, are expected to attend.

For additional information, please contact Norma Leal, Migrant Parent Trainer, Fresno County Office of Education, at 559-497-3835.

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