Maritza Rosas: Dual Language Learners

Hello my name is Maritza Rosas and today I want to discuss the difficult issues dual language learners face that we don't notice

There are issues that we go through and we really just want to find solutions or have someone help us. Dual language learners face it every single day due to the fact that they struggle and still don't receive the appropriate help, the appropriate support that they need. There are young children in the school system that have knowledge of more than one language that requires more assistance to the challenges they face in school such as communicating with others, the difference of cultural differences, staying on task in school with the different language barrier and more. Due to not having that support given in schools, families are not involved in their children's academic growth as they might not know English. This is an issue that had to be addressed a long time ago. Families struggle day by day and educators are not realizing that this will affect them in the long run.

If we don't make the change, no one else will. Having families that can relate to difficult situations being a dual language learner or having a child that knows more than one language will want to address the issue. Uniting families that have similar struggles and approaching educators will create a big change by raising our voices, creating organizations, going to schools and we will not be alone facing the problem. We as a community will look for many educators as we can to get all their support. We will reach as many schools as possible and let them know about the issue that is going on and create different ideas and plans to break that issue and create a change.

Let's raise our voices! Let's work together! Let's create the change that we need! Children are our future and we have to do all that we can help them succeed. Let's unite as a community, let's give children and their families the help that they've been wanting and needing. We can make the change for them and all the children that have any kind of struggle. We can do it! I know we can! If we don't make the change, no one else will.

Thank you.