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Educator Irasema Salcido**

Nationally recognized as an innovative and ground-breaking educator, Irasema Salcido, counting the Declaration of Independence as one of her inspirations, has dedicated her life to ensuring that the poorest students receive the best education and can live the American dream as fully participating citizens. The daughter of Mexican immigrants, Irasema came to the United States at age 14 without speaking a word of English. Overcoming the language barrier, she persevered, completing an undergraduate degree in California and a Masters degree in Education from Harvard University. Guided by her stro

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Irasema Salcido

Irasema Salcido worked for nine years in the DC public school system before founding the first Chavez School in 1998. Frustrated by the failures of the public school system, she has since become a nationally recognized expert and advocate for charter schools and underserved students. Her mission in starting the first Chavez School was to create an institution where the poorest students received the best education. Mrs. Salcido is considered an expert on charter schools and a leader in the charter school movement in DC. She received an award from the Caring Institute, designating her as one of the "Six Most Caring Citizens in the U.S." of 1999, and in February 2001, she was awarded the "U

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