

*Madison's Family Resource Center and Guidance Program present*

# *“Leap into College” Parent Evening*

**Who:** Parents of Current 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders - Current and Future Madison Students; Spanish translation provided

**When:** Wednesday, February 29 (Leap Day), 6-7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Performing Arts Center, Madison High School

**How:** RSVP to Greg Williams, Madison Community Outreach and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant Coordinator, at [gwilliams3@sandi.net](mailto:gwilliams3@sandi.net) or by going to the Madison website at [www.sandi.net/Madison](http://www.sandi.net/Madison) and clicking on the “Leap Into College” link under Headlines on the main page and completing the registration form. RSVP by February 27, so resources and refreshments can be prepared.

**What:** An informative presentation regarding the “a-g” diploma and college admission requirements and how students in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade can begin preparing for the college admission process. Topics will include:



- ✓ A focus on SAT preparation for the lower grades.
- ✓ Investigative methods for selecting a college major and finding California colleges and universities with appropriate programs.
- ✓ A deeper understanding of the balance of courses, grades and test scores in the CSU and UC admission process.
- ✓ A thorough explanation of the changing diploma requirements for students in the Class of 2016, according to the recently adopted “a-g” and College, Career and Technical Education (CCTE) diploma.

## *Our Presenter*

Mrs. Carol Sobek is in her sixth year as Head Counselor at Madison High, having served 32 years as a teacher, counselor and Head Counselor in SDUSD. With particular expertise in helping students along the path to college, she was named the Outstanding High School Counselor in San Diego and Imperial Counties by San Diego State University in May 2010. As a Regional Finalist for the California League of High Schools Educator of the Year in 2008, Mrs. Sobek particularly enjoys helping first-generation college-bound students achieve their college admission, scholarship and financial aid dreams. This “Leap into College” program was conceived to address the adage, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure!” Students can best impact their eligibility for the university by make correct course choices beginning as early as 7<sup>th</sup> grade, preparing for college bound tests well in advance of the junior year, and investigating choices before the November 1-30 college application “window” in the senior year. This program will equip you with parenting tools and knowledge about college!