


Transforming Bilingual Education


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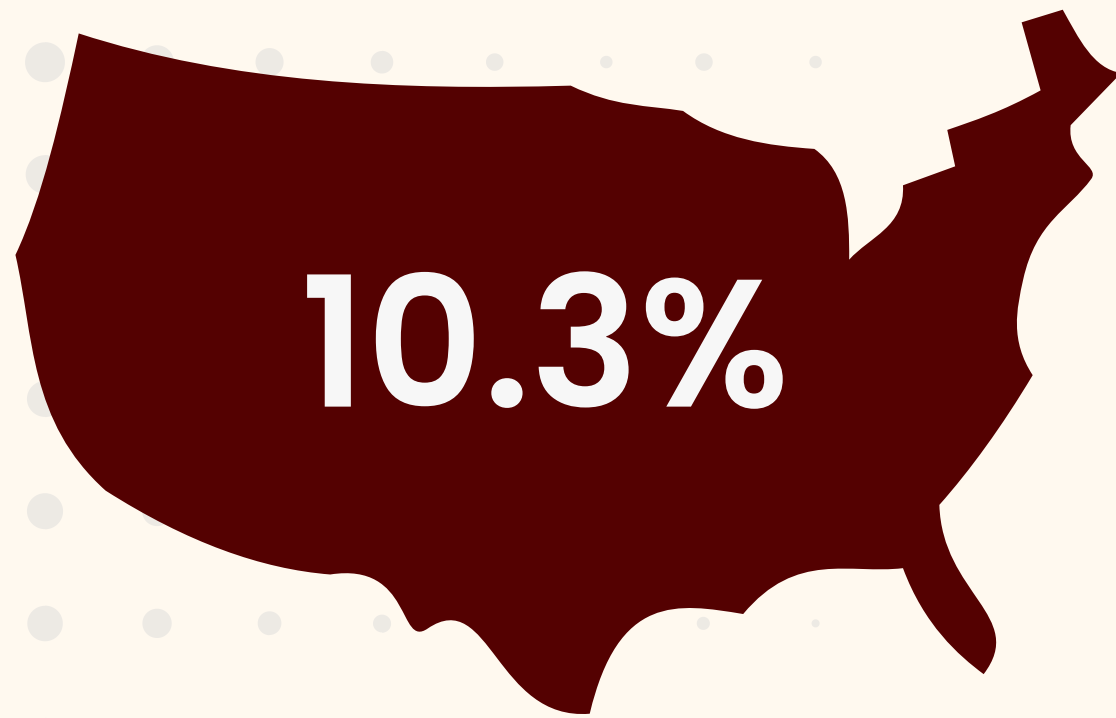




26% percent of Austin ISD students are Emergent Bilingual.

Of the district's nearly 81,000 students, more than 21,000 are Emergent Bilingual. Nearly 15,000 are in our elementary schools, 3,600 are at our middle schools and almost 3,500 are in high school. (Austin ISD, Multilingual Dept website: www.austinisd.org/multilingual).





**Percent of entire US
student population
that are emergent
bilingual.**



**In Fall 2020, Texas
had the largest
emergent bilinugal
student population
(20.1%).**



**English language
learners in Austin
ISD elementary
schools**

Teachers still face barriers when implementing key elements of Dual Language in their classrooms.

- lack of resources
- mixed language classrooms
- standardized testing
- district expectations




Source: Bilingual and English as a Second Language Programs and Demographic Summary Report, 2019–2020 Austin Independent School District.



The Challenge

Although bilingual students are amongst the highest student populations in Texas public schools, there is not enough culturally relevant curriculum and institutional support for both ELL students and bilingual teachers.





Academia Cuauhtli

Bilingual cultural revitalization program for fourth to fifth grade students attending AISD.



Our Vision

*A future where children live with a thinking heart
and the courage to pursue their aspirations within
liberating and sacred learning spaces.*

Academia Cuauhtli & ESB-MACC: Through the Years

2005–2008 – Nuestro Grupo community leaders such as Martha Coteria mobilize with the city to build the ESB-MACC.

2013: Dr. Valenzuela leads pivotal conversation on lack children's book and low literacy rates within Mexican American community – leading to creation of AC.

2014 – Academia Cuauhtli establishes partnership with ESB-MACC and Austin ISD with interlocal agreement.

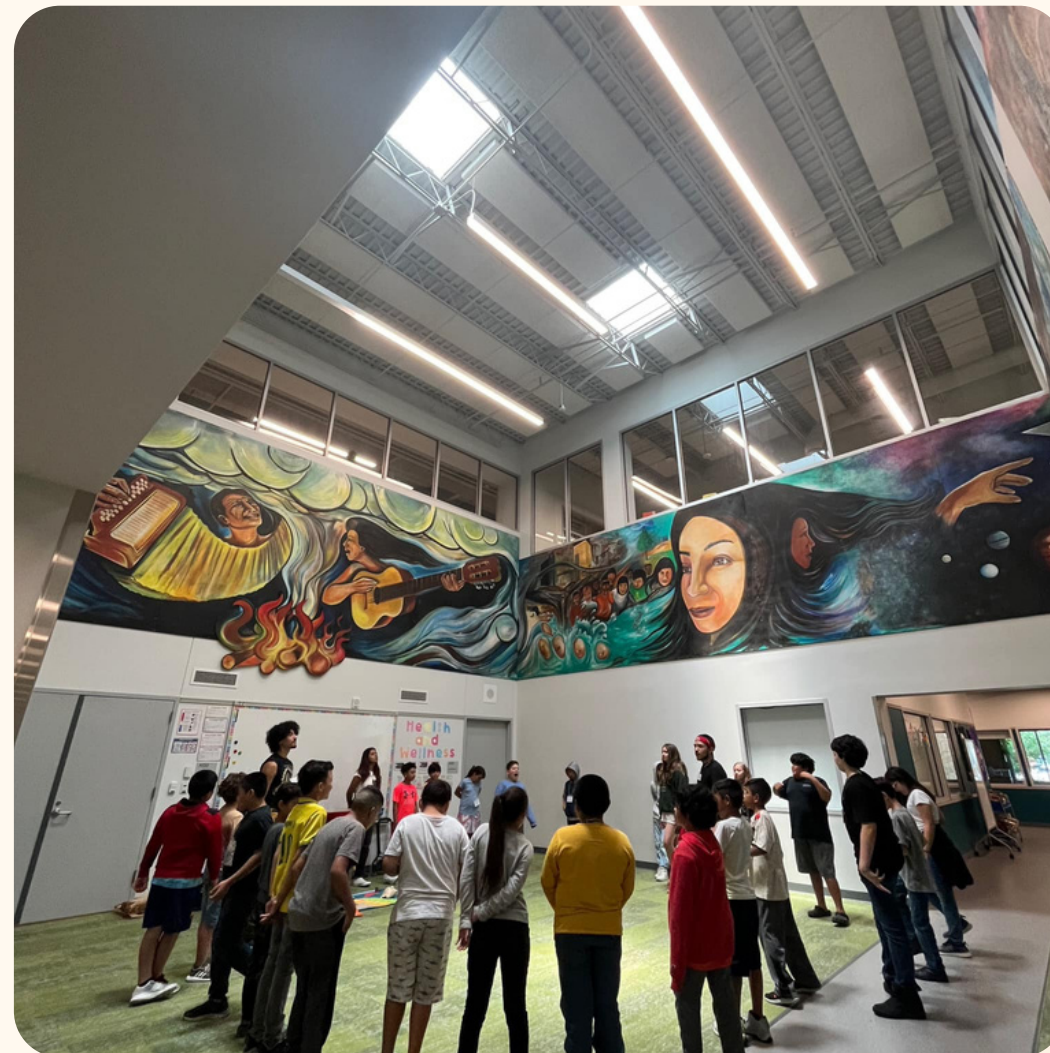
2022 – Cuauhtli community members participated in Phase 2 conversations keeping our program in mind.

2023 – Expanded capacity of program through allocation of full-time position for Academia Cuauhtli through ESB-MACC.

Our Mission



**Honor our community's
cultural heritage**



**Foster a social justice
consciousness**



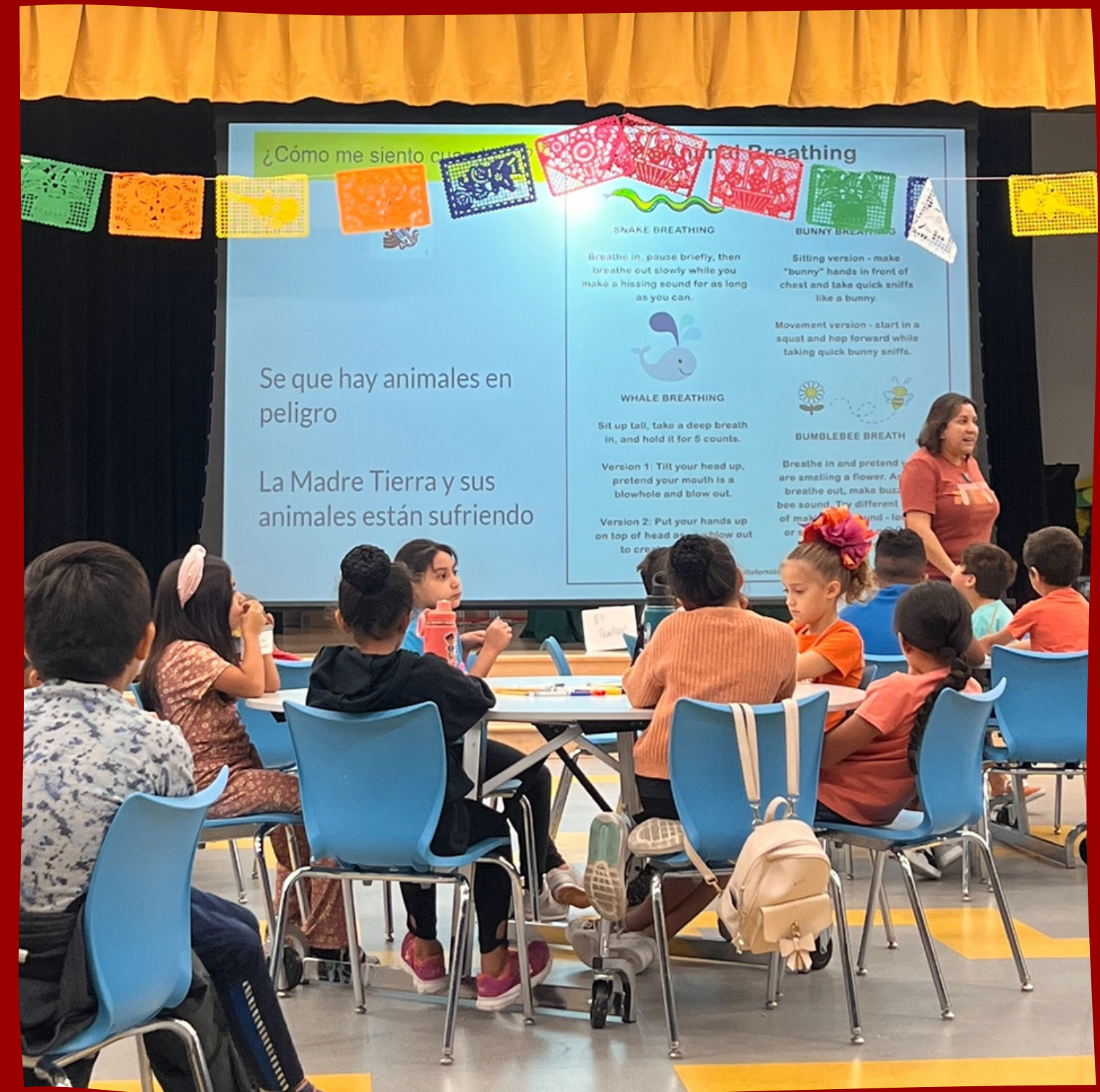
**Reclaim our collective
identities in pursuit of
educational freedom.**

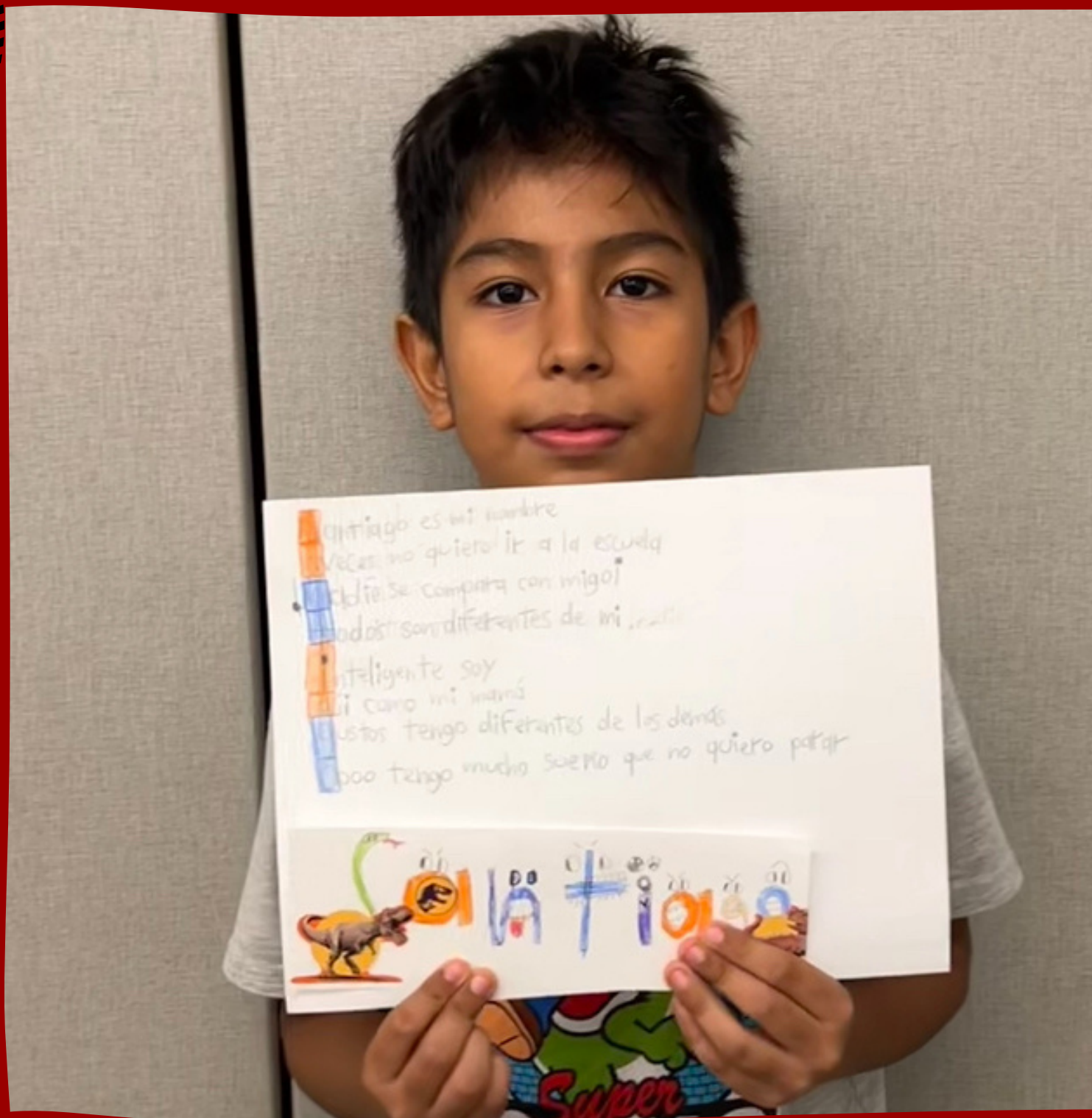
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Classes every Saturday from 9am-12pm at Sanchez Elementary.

About 45-60 participants from Sanchez, Perez, Houston, Travis Heights, Harris, and Hart Elementary schools this fall.

Free transportation (provided by AISD) and meals.





Completed 3 units including:

- mother nature
- migration
- identity

Field trips to Zilker Park, Texas Tribal Buffalo Project, and Blanton Museum.

Danza Mexica will be held in the Spring with Rosa Tupina.

Our Initiatives

Throughout the years we have established various partnerships and initiatives within the community with key focuses on students, teachers, parents, and community members.

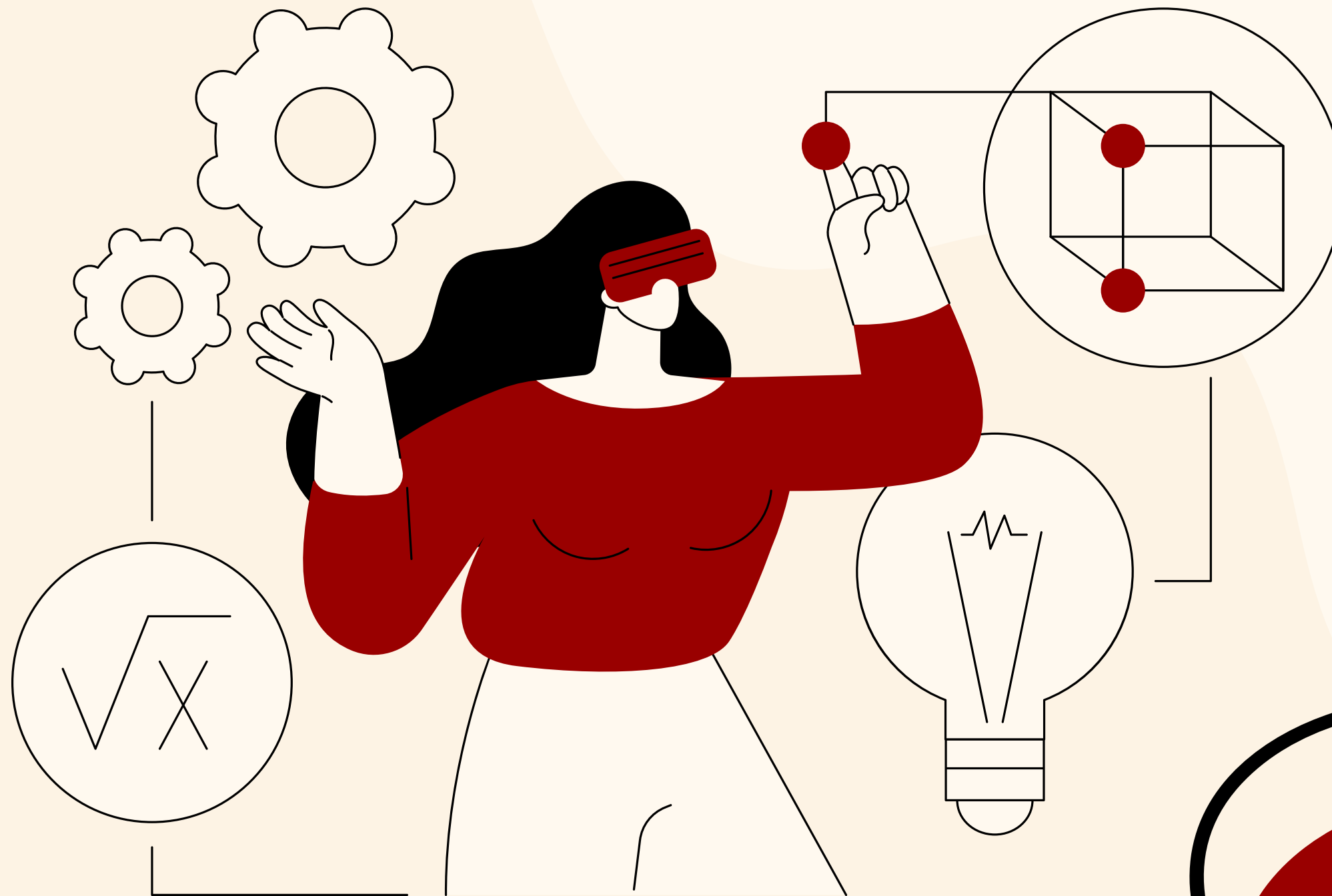
Nuestro Grupo

La Colaborativa

STEM/Aztech Kidz Code

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Our Future



Educational Community
Summit – March 23rd,
2023

Aztech Kidz Code and
Nepohualtzinzin Training
– Summer 2024

Full implementation of
Parent Support
Specialist and program
– Fall 2024



Thank you for your support!

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