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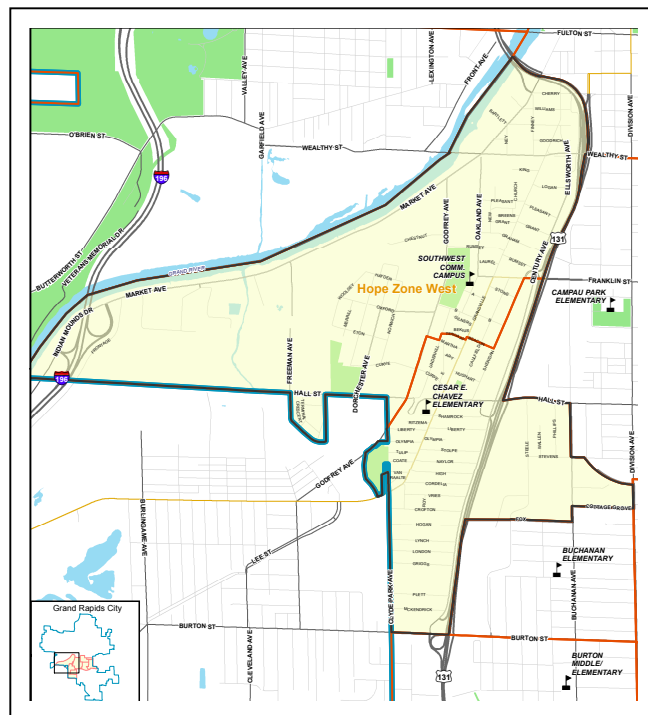
West Neighborhoods To Celebrate October 6 Parents, Educators, Students Invited to Support Academic Achievement

GRAND RAPIDS—Neighbors, parents and educators will gather Thursday to celebrate the culmination of the first phase of community planning designed to help close the academic achievement gap in West Grand Rapids neighborhoods:

When: October 6, 2011 | 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. | El jueves 6 de octubre de 2011
Where: Escuela César E. Chávez [Elementary School](#), 1205 Grandville Avenue

- \$20 gift cards to first 100 families that register.
- ¡Tarjetas de regalo de \$20 para las primeras 100 familias!
- Food, raffles, childcare, transportation and prizes.
- Comida, rifas, cuidado de niños, transporte, premios.

Hosted by LINC Community Revitalization and National Community Development Institute, this meeting is the fifth of five open events in the **Believe 2 Become** West Zone. **Believe 2 Become** is a broad community collaboration that offers [programs](#) to help close the academic achievement gap in [four neighborhood zones](#) in Grand Rapids. This meeting is for residents of the west hope zone shown on the map below.



Believe 2 Become is a collaborative partnership of hundreds of organizations and individuals who believe in the unlimited potential of Grand Rapids students, and expect them to succeed. By creating real opportunities for students to become the people they aspire to be, **Believe 2 Become** aims to close the achievement gap in Grand Rapids by 2020.

[Believe 2 Become](#), a neighborhood initiative designed to help children succeed in school, work and life, is a collaborative effort of Grand Rapids Public Schools, Grand Rapids Student Advancement Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and Doug & Maria DeVos Foundation.

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