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WGBH's *María Hinojosa: One-on-One* examines Latino high school drop-out problem with renowned educator Fernando Reimers

Tuesday, March 31 at 7:30pm on WGBH 2

In a conversation with Fernando Reimers, Ford Foundation Professor of International Education and director of Global Education and International Education Policy at Harvard University, the WGBH talk show *María Hinojosa: One-on-One* examines the Latino high school dropout problem. The program airs Tuesday, March 31 at 7:30pm on WGBH 2.

Reimers talks with host María Hinojosa about the importance of developing global competencies, the nation's growing Latino drop-out rate, and the often overlooked talents and opportunities that Latino children bring to classrooms across the United States.

This episode of *One-on-One* is part of the collaborative Project Dropout, a multimedia journalistic examination by WGBH and fellow public broadcaster WBUR on the dropout crisis in Massachusetts. Project Dropout aims to raise public awareness and encourage public dialog. All content is centrally located at projectdropout.org, an interactive web site that invites viewers and users to comment, engage and share their own stories. In addition to radio and television segments, the site also features a collection of ongoing video diaries posted by nine high school students from across Massachusetts.

Project Dropout culminates with a one-hour live broadcast in front of a studio audience with Emily Rooney of WGBH's *Greater Boston*, David Boeri of WBUR *Radio Boston*, and contributions from Hinojosa. The special airs on WGBH 2 at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, will be simulcast on WBUR and will stream live online. Viewers at home are invited to watch and chat online as well as respond to poll questions.

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