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Educators work to help student targeted by immigration officials

By DAVID CLARK

Edwin Loza has spent the last 11 years of his life avoiding visas and living in the U.S. He is also an illegal immigrant, and authorities here and the court have the green card revoked in February and return to where he spent his earliest years growing up in Guatemala.

Educators at CHOICE High School said Loza has been working diligently in his studies, and they are attempting to work with lawyers and state legislators to find solutions that will help keep students

interested students in Shelton schools as they continue on with their education and achieve their life goals.

"We need a good immigration lawyer who can talk to us teachers about what we can do to help," said Carrie Finkler, the school's contract-based education program coordinator. "We have students who have real talent, and we want to do to help them get recognized and apply for their visas."

Yolby Garcia, a local immigration rights activist, said

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Graduating senior Edwin Loza stands outside of CHOICE High School on Monday.

Edwin Loza was an exemplary student who was deported to Guatemala the day after he graduated CHOICE High School in Shelton, WA. Edwin's mother Claudia was deported the same year after 8 months in detention. Neither Edwin nor Claudia had ever committed a crime. Edwin has since been legally adopted by his stepfather and has been approved to apply for residency. **The Loza family has set a goal of raising \$4500 by May 1st 2012**, to pay the visa fees for Edwin, his mother Claudia, and his sister Michelle, plus travel cost back home from Guatemala.

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Edwin Loza has spent the last 11 years of his life attending classes and living in the U.S. He is also an illegal immigrant, and authorities here say he must leave the United States before he turns 18. He spent the last year of his life in the United States.

Teachers at CHOICE High School said Loza has been working diligently on his studies, and they are committed to work with lawyers and state agencies to find solutions that will help keep students

interested students in Shelton schools as they see progress on with their education and achieve their life goals.

"We need a good immigration lawyer who can talk to us teachers about what we can do to help," said Carrie Fritsch, the school's assistant principal. "We have students who have not been successful, so what can we do to help them get their papers and apply for their visas?"

Toby Smith, a local immigration rights activist, said

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Graduating senior Edwin Loza stands outside of CHOICE High School on Monday.

Edwin Loza fue un alumno ejemplar deportado a Guatemala al día siguiente de su graduación de la secundaria CHOICE en Shelton, WA. Su mamá Claudia también fue deportada en mismo año después de 8 meses en detención. Ni Edwin o su mamá han cometido un delito. Él fue adoptado legalmente por su padrastro y recibió la aprobación para aplicar por su residencia. **La familia Loza se ha propuesto recaudar \$4500 hacia el 1 de mayo de 2012**, para pagar los costos de la visa de Edwin, de su madre Claudia, su hermana Michelle, y de los costos de viaje de Guatemala a casa.

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