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Hi. I am an Early childhood educator and program coordinator for childcare/after school programs. Every day I read on my social media about racism in the pandemic. It is our responsibility to provide the tools and opportunities for our children to be their best, have knowledge of our world, teach empathy and compassion. I thought: if only we had ETHNIC STUDIES! Then the kids will be taught about why we as a society need to do better.

Big shout out to voting to support Ethnic Studies. Big, big kudos.

**Best,
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