



August 26, 2019

Dear Superintendent Thurmond:

On behalf of the Jewish Community Relations Council of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, thank you for your public assurances that the current version of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum will be substantially amended to remove animus toward Israel and stereotyping of Jews, and to include the story of Jewish Americans, as an ethnicity.

As you know, JCRC, as part of a coalition of 11 JCRCs and Jewish Community Federations across the State, as well as the Jewish Public Affairs Committee submitted a rigorous review of the draft Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum during the public comment period. We appreciate that you took our concerns seriously. Your leadership has been invaluable in ensuring that the Curriculum will be revised and in reassuring Jewish community members across the State that our concerns are being addressed.

Thank you for the time you have taken to understand the issues and to publicly address concerns raised by our community. We look forward to continuing to serve as a resource to you on matters related to the Jewish community and other issues of common concern.

Sincerely,

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Abigail Porth
Executive Director

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Jessica Trubowitch
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