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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum (ESMC)

To Whom it May Concern,

I reviewed the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, and am thrilled that California will be implementing this program.

I heard about this through my synagogue and wanted to read through the curriculum due to potential anti-semitic content. I did not find anti-semitism in the lesson plan, but am concerned that anti-semitism is not within the curriculum unless directed by an individual teacher.

I don't know if it fits, but I would love to find a place to teach about Jewish Americans and anti-semitism. In San Diego / La Jolla, it wasn't that long ago that Jews could not purchase property. Jews have been very successful in America, but Anti-semitism is still quite common. It seems to me that most people (definitely not all) who are not affected by it are blind or deaf to it.

I am sure this will be an amazing course. I applaud the effort. Please ensure that, at a minimum, anti-Semitic content is not included in the final cut.

Thank you!
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