Public Input Template-2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum May 2019 Draft

Chapter of Model Curriculum	Your Name and Affiliation	Comment (include page and line numbers where applicable)
"General" for a comment that applies to the entire document.	Steven Ross Concerned Parent	Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) against Israel is just wrong. This is promoting a direct attack against Israel. There is no legitimate research support the claims made. (p. 2, section B)
		Encourage teachers to highlight BDS and a pro-BDS group called Direct Action for Palestine, but no voices critical of their perspectives (p. 234). Promote a false equivalence between Israel's efforts to stop terrorists from entering communities to murder innocent people, and U.S. policies on the border with Mexico (p. 234). Use unclear language that implies "Israel-Palestine" as a whole is an Arab country (p. 237). Frame the Palestinian narrative of the 1948 War as fact, with no alternative perspectives (p. 242). Encourage teachers to use a poem featuring harsh criticism of Israel, but no content offering a positive perspective about Israel or criticism of Palestinian leaders (p. 256, 264-269).

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