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To: CFIRD
Cc: Ethnic Studies
Subject: proposed Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

Dear Instructional Quality Commission of the California Board of Education,

I am alarmed by the proposed Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum. I support the idea of teaching an ethnic studies class, but urge you to make major revisions or a significant rewrite of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, consistent with the recommendations from the California Legislative Jewish Caucus letter, Stand With Us, Jimena, Amcha and others that have contacted you.

I should note that while I support diversity and inclusion, I strongly oppose a curriculum that “erases American Jewish experience, fails to discuss antisemitism, reinforces negative stereotypes about Jews, singles out Israel for criticism, and would institutionalize the teaching of antisemitic stereotypes in our public schools

Accordingly I respectfully ask that you make major revisions or a significant rewrite of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum to address these concerns.

Thank you,
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