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Hello Aimee,

Thank you for supporting the ESMC resolution. I am Co-Director at AYPAL, and I stand in solidarity with the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum draft as created by scholars of color from across the state.

Your support means you agree that our students need more resources, curricula and support to better reflect our incredibly diverse student population in Oakland. Our Arab American, Pacific Islander and Central American student populations are significant and growing in OUSD, and they deserve to see themselves reflected in our classroom content. Our staff and other students should also learn this history. Our history textbooks are insufficient and continue to be far too Eurocentric, and sometimes offensive or minimizing to communities of color.

Ethnic studies is important to the youth I serve because historically, we have been silenced and written out of textbooks and because ethnic studies is also American studies. It is important to see ourselves reflected in the spaces we learn, to be in community with and learn from one another.

Please stand up to 50 years of attacks on Ethnic Studies, and stand with students and teachers by voting YES on the ESMC resolution on May 27th!

Thank You,  
Rhummanee Hang