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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Teach Anti-Semitism & No BDS

To the California Dept. of Education:

I stand with Jews and Israel in requesting that you revise the ESMC. Especially at a time when Anti-Semitism is on the rise and Jews and Synagogues are being targeted, I am appalled that the State of California would remove Anti-Semitism from its curriculum. I am further appalled that the State of California would take sides in a foreign dispute against Israel, a longtime ally of the USA, paving the way for the further spread of Anti-Semitism in California and the U.S.

Make the following changes to the ESMC:

- Include broad Jewish American experiences and teach about antisemitism
- Ensure that denigrating content about Jews and Israel — including support for the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement — is excluded
- Include sample lesson(s) reflecting the diversity of Jewish Americans
- Re-commit to transparency and the pre-determined process of writing the ESMC

Regards,

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