

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

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Chapter 2: Sample Course Models pages 234, 237, 242, 256, and 264-269	Inessa Polushkin Concerned parent	Page 2 of Glossary terms of <i>Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS)</i> I respectfully request the removal of BDS and other anti-Israel bias from the model curriculum. As a Jew who came to the United States as a political refugee from the Soviet Union and as a parent to two American-born Jewish teenagers, I strongly believe that the proposed curriculum would seed more hate and renewed persecution of the Jews. I urge the state to instead add lessons about American Jews as an ethnic group, including those who fled the Holocaust, oppression in the Middle East, and discrimination in the former Soviet Union.