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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Constructive Ethnic Studies

I support the requests of the Alliance for Constructive Ethnic Studies which you recently received to remove the political agenda from the “Guiding Values and Principles” and resulting lessons by:

- Removing the inflammatory "Guiding Values and Principles" which can bring hate and political dogma into the classroom.
- Aligning all lessons *only* to the impartial Outcomes.
- Adding Elements of a Balanced Curriculum for safeguards against politicizing Ethnic Studies.
- Excluding BDS and other one-sided political conversations about Middle Eastern conflicts.
- Including approaches to social change that work within the system to improve it.

Sincerely,

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