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Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 7:46 PM
To: [emails redacted]
Cc: Ethnic Studies
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Support for Ethnic Studies

Hello School Board Members,

I write to ask for your support of the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum Draft. Your support would mean the world to me. We have never seen the adequate representation of the narratives of people of color in our textbooks, despite the enormous diversity of the community we live in. Part of upholding our commitment to diversity is to make sure that our curriculum properly appreciates the amount of diversity in our community, which is why I urge against the removal of the Arab American Studies from the Model Curriculum. It is important for us to uphold the promise of AB 2016, and to take away Arab American Studies would be taking away from our mission to uphold that promise. The goal is to have this curriculum uplift equity, inclusiveness, and universally high expectations for education to the highest extent possible, and thus it is crucial that we include Arab American Studies.

Your resolution is a moving step for social justice. From the bottom of my heart: Please vote to support the draft and Arab American Studies!

Sincerely,
Tasnim