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To: Ethnic Studies

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Commentary on the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum

Dear Mme/Sir,

1. Thank you for presenting the curriculum to public comments.
2. Having just celebrated Martin Luther King's Day, may I remind you of his doctrine that people should be judged based not on the color of their skin, but on **the content of their character**.
3. Using **pigment**, or **any immutable characteristic**, as a way to characterize people is **inherently racist**, and has no place in society. Could you imagine ranking students on their physical beauty?
4. As a psychologist, I assure you that such a dogma would only adversely affect the mental welfare of students of any color and shade.
5. As an alternative, may I suggest focusing on **social values** such as **kindness, empathy, and help to others**.

I thank you,

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