

From: Noa Sklar
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2019 4:35 AM
To: Kenneth McDonald
Subject: High school Ethnic Studies Curriculum

Dear Kenneth McDonald,

As a daughter of a Holocaust Survivor (85) and as a person trying to be fair and just for all, it is shocking for me to see the proposed High school classes from your office.

I am a community member deeply concerned about the California Department of Education's proposed Ethnic Studies Curriculum. This letter is to confirm that I added my signature to the Israel-American Community's official complaint, and have submitted this complaint on my behalf.

The proposed coursework, as written, will turn California classrooms into discriminatory and hostile environments for the young people in our community. This curriculum endorses prejudice against Jewish, Israeli-American and Zionist students, and delegitimizes their heritage and identity. It will lead to harassment, bullying, and discrimination.

This deeply biased curriculum has no place in our public schools, which should be forums for teaching respectful dialogue, understanding, and tolerance.

I ask that you respectfully consider putting a hold on the currently proposed curriculum, and meet our community leaders to discuss how to improve this deeply biased coursework, which would create a hostile environment for Israeli-American and Jewish-American students.

Thank you