

Aug. 12, 2019

To: **2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum**
Advisory Committee
California Department of Education
1430 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5901

Re: **Concerns for Safety following 2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum**

Dear Advisory Committee Members,

I'm writing to you as a CA resident and a very worried mom.
I recently became aware of the changes The Department of Education California is making in a new ethnic studies curriculum.
I highly appreciate the opportunity to give feedback on it, thank you for that!

My concern is, as an Israeli immigrant parent, that if these changes will be approved, my child will study in an unsafe environment. There are various parts in the curriculum that are very anti-Israel, one-sided, biased, and also do not mention Jews being a minority.

My concern relates to 3 different modules, including module 5140 - Direct Action Front for Palestine and Black Lives matter; 5141 - Call to Boycott, Divest, and Sanction Israel calls for boycotting Israel, and module 5142 - Comparative Border Studies: Palestine and Mexico), that attempt to explain the conflict in the Middle East using a single-sided story, encourage aggression against Israelis, and spread hate against Israelis and Jews.

We had over +200 mass shootings this year. Almost all of them directed towards minorities and many of them - directed towards Israelis and Jews. I would not be able to sleep at night if I ever hear that the next shooter learned that "Jews are bad" in these classes - I hope you wouldn't either.

I will be terrified to send my kids to school knowing that their fellow students are taught that Israelis, Jews (or African American or Latinos or Muslims) - are bad and we should boycott them.

My concern is that instead of promoting respect, diversity and inclusion, this curriculum will spread ignorance, hate, fear and increased violence. The last thing we need in California and the US in general - is more hate.

There are 1.2 Million Jews living in California and can be directly affected if we spread hate against them. My child will have a much higher chance to get bullied, or even get killed just because he is Jewish.

Please help amending this.

Sincerely,
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