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Comment: Good day, As a citizen, long-time resident, educator, and county office of education employee working to support educators throughout California, I am writing to share my concerns regarding the 10/2/20 CDE Weekly Update. In this issue, Supt., Tony Thurmond shared information on the second round of ethnic studies programming. I have participated in and viewed several of these broadcasts. I would like to acknowledge that there are some positives and necessary information included in this content. I am concerned that many educators may NOT be equipped to engage in these conversations with students. Another concern is the encouragement of segregated education systems. Is this really what you are advocating for? Quoted below is the statement made by Supt. Tony Thurmond while introducing the broadcasts. "At a time when our own president cannot clearly denounce white supremacy and our state and nation are crying out for racial justice..." The superintendent is an elected official, a bipartisan representative for the citizens, elected to represent our state in regards to education. This office is NOT the opportunity to express your personal opinion of the President of the United States and share false information. Every time you do this, the divide within our nation continues to grow. I encourage you to consider how we ALL can support the unity of our country. Thank you for your time.