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Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:24 AM

To: Ethnic Studies

Cc: [emails redacted]; Superintendent

Subject: [EXTERNAL] INCLUDE ARAB AMERICAN STUDIES IN CA ETHNIC STUDIES CURRICULUM!

Hi my name is Paris and I am writing to you today to beg you to include Arab American Studies in your Ethnic Studies Curriculum. Since 9/11 and since the United States has started intervening and starting endless wars in Southwest Asia and Northern Africa, the American Publix has only had a vague understanding of Arab people, usually in the form of racist stereotypes. Including Arab American studies can help your students comprehend Arab American history and people in a fuller, less islamaphonic and xenophobic way. I insist that the history and struggles of Palestine be included as well as this nations history and oppression are often overlooked or unknown in American culture. I am also demanding that any revisions made to the Arab American Studies curriculum and existence be made in collaboration with Arab American scholars and Ethnic Studies Practitioners. When you have a n area of study called Asian Studies, it would be wrong not to include all parts of Asia, so please take account of West and Southwest Asia and act with respect toward these people's and nations.

Thanks you, Paris