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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] INCLUSION OF BOTH ARAB-AMERICAN AND JEWISH LESSONS IN ETHNIC STUDIES CURRICULUM

As a retired school principal, and a member of a community committee called "Committee to Support Religious and Cultural Diversity" in San Diego, I strongly urge you to include both lessons on Muslim culture and Jewish culture in your curriculum requirements. Both Islamophobia and anti-semitism are prevalent in American society, as often evidenced by bullying in schools, and knowledge about their cultures is crucial in eradicating these biases, and resulting negative actions.

One voice should not be heard above another in determining the content of the curriculum for California schools. All voices should be heard, including those of Muslims and Jewish people.

I thank you for your time and consideration