

From: Our Historic Moment

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Support ESMC and Arab-American Studies

Greetings,

I support the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum (ESMC) including Arab American studies. It's important to include West Asian American experiences in the ESMC. Given rampant fear and hate of Islam (as one part of Arab/Middle Eastern studies), awareness and education can help bring ease to those that are better informed.

I also believe both the history and current struggles in Palestine should be included. The Israel/Palestine region clearly has great influence in peoples across the world and it's important to tell its full story.

Please help fully educate our students to be citizens of the world. That will only come with an informed understanding of peoples across the globe, including the Arab people.

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