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Hello,

The overall goal for the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum is to keep bias out of our classrooms, and as a result, our communities will receive that benefit as well.

This can only be feasible if inclusion of a comprehensive definition of antisemitism as a form of bigotry is taught hand-in-hand with the study of Jewish-Americans, in addition to the already proposed histories of African Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, and Latinx Americans.

I urge you to revise this draft to include:

- 1) A lesson plan on Jewish Americans that recognizes the diversity of the community including Ashkenazi, Sephardic, Mizrahi Jews and Jews of color. Additionally, a lesson plan on Arab Americans should also refer to Jewish Americans of Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) descent.
- 2) An accurate definition of antisemitism, such as the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's, which the U.S. State Department adopted in 2010.
- 3) Inclusion of lessons about antisemitism.
- 4) Transparency and an opportunity for public comment in all phases of the development of a final ESMC.

Sincerely,
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