

**Public Input Template–2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum  
May 2019 Draft**

**--Not Discriminate--**

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