Item 7.A.1.

Attachment 1

History–Social Science SMC

September 19–20, 2019

# **Summary of Public Comment Received–2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum May 2019 Instructional Quality Commission Draft**

On May 16, 2019, the Instructional Quality Commission approved the draft Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum for web posting in order to collect public input as required by *Education Code* Section 51226.7. The public comment period lasted from June 14, 2019, through August 15, 2019. The comments were sent to [ethnicstudies@cde.ca.gov](mailto:ethnicstudies@cde.ca.gov) or other state email addresses or were received by mail during that period. Provided below is a summary of the public comment received.

Full comments were posted on the CDE Box account and were made available to members of the Instructional Quality Commission. Because of the large volume of comments that were received, identical form letter and postcard comments were not all posted individually, but were tallied and included in the numbers below. Personal contact information such as email addresses and telephone numbers were redacted before the comments were posted. Access to the full comments was also provided to the public on request.

Due to the overlap in some categories and the fact that some commenters sent their comments to multiple email addresses, the numbers below are approximate. Duplicate comments from the same sender were deleted when identified.

| Summary of Comment | Number of Comments Received |
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| Comments supporting the Draft Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum as posted. | 365 |
| Concerns with a lack of inclusion of Jewish Americans and anti-Semitism, and concerns with the inclusion of the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement. | 18,457 |
| Concerns with the entire model curriculum and teaching ethnic studies in California schools | 595 |
| Concerned with the portrayal of Capitalism in the Draft document | 226 |
| Support for the current coverage of Arab Americans in the draft | 116 |
| Concerns with the lack of inclusion of Korean Americans | 45 |
| Concerns with the lack of inclusion of Armenian Americans | 13 |
| Concerns with the coverage of Southeast Asian Americans in the draft | 10 |
| Emails thanking the SSPI and SBE for stating the ESMC would be rewritten | 6 |
| Concerns with the lack of inclusion of European Americans | 3 |
| Concerns with the lack of inclusion of Hindu Americans | 2 |
| Concerns with the lack of inclusion of LGBTQ+ Americans | 1 |
| Specific edit comments not related to the issues above | 38 |
| Emails opposed to Assembly Bill 331 (Medina) | 16 |
| Miscellaneous | 16 |
| Blank or technologically inaccessible comments | 336 |
| Approximate Total | 20,245 |

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