

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS**

**RESOLUTION No. 20/21-02**

**AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF AB 2016  
CALIFORNIA ETHNIC STUDIES MODEL CURRICULUM DRAFT**

**WHEREAS**, Modesto City Schools has a commitment to diversity, inclusion and equity; and

**WHEREAS**, students from a variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds make up a majority of the student population in Modesto City Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Modesto City Schools students take World Religions and Geography in ninth grade and have the opportunity to participate in various cultural and empowering experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, research indicates that Ethnic Studies curriculum in high schools has demonstrated an increase in GPA across disciplines, high school graduation rates, college-going rates, and a sense of belonging; and

**WHEREAS**, studies show that Ethnic Studies curriculum helps to narrow the achievement gap and the opportunity gap for students of color as well as benefits white students; and

**WHEREAS**, Ethnic Studies enhances equity in the school curriculum; and

**WHEREAS**, CA Education Code Section 51204.5 prescribes the inclusion of the legacies of ethnic and cultural groups who have contributed to the history, economic political, and social development of California and the United States, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society; and

**WHEREAS**, CA AB2016 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum (ESMC) is currently in process at the California Department of Education (CDE); and

**WHEREAS**, the current CA AB2016 ESMC draft has vast support from communities of color and intergenerational recognized Ethnic Studies educators and leaders across California and beyond, and

**WHEREAS**, California has one of the largest and most diverse student populations in the nation with 77% identified as students of color; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education affirms support of the California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum Draft.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education affirms support for Pacific Islander Studies, Arab American Studies, Central American Studies, and West Asian American Studies and their continued inclusion in the ESMC curriculum.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education affirms support for the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum maintaining its framing and language of the discipline, with additional scaffolding as necessary to be inclusive and supportive of multiple users.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we support the work of the Save CA Ethnic Studies Coalition in bringing together the experts to address any issues.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the following vote of the Board of Trustees, County of Stanislaus, State of California on July 27, 2020.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTENTION:

ABSENT:

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Cindy Marks, President  
Modesto City Schools  
Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

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Dr. Sara Noguchi  
Secretary to the Board