

Santa Rosa City Schools

Ethnic Studies Update

April 24, 2019

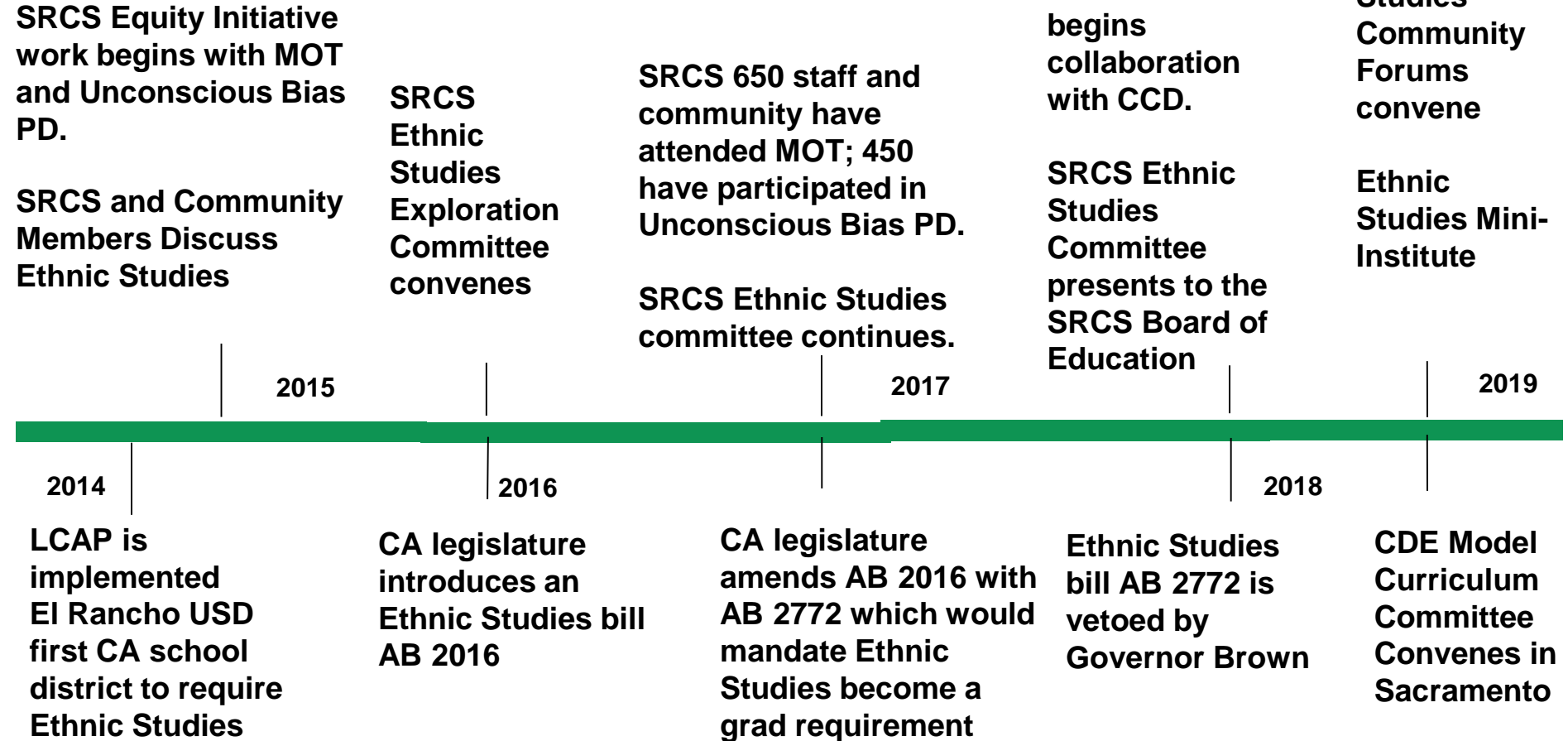
The Why

“As students of color proceed through the school system, research finds that the overwhelming dominance of Euro-American perspectives leads many students to disengage from academic learning. Ethnic Studies curricula exist in part because students of color have demanded an education that is relevant, meaningful, and affirming of their identities.”

Christine Sleeter,
Cal State University,
Monterey Bay,
Ethnic Studies



Timeline



Activities 2018-19

November 18, 2018	SRCS Board Report
March 14, 2019	Engaging our Adults: Ethnic Studies Forum
March 26, 2019	Engaging our Youth: Ethnic Studies Forum
April 17, 2019	Engaging our Community: Ethnic Studies Forum
May 1, 2019	Culturally Responsive Education/Ethnic Studies Mini Institute-Christine Sleeter, PhD & Dr. Curtis Acosta, PhD

Key Points from Adults:

- Strong interest in Ethnic Studies and Culturally Responsive, Sustaining and Humanizing Education (CRSH)
- For many, an Ethnic Studies class is not enough
- For others, the interest is in a district-wide integration of CRSH
- Questions:
 - What would Ethnic Studies look like in our district?
 - What would teacher training, placement in the schedule, a graduation requirement look like?
 - What are other districts doing?

Key Points from Students

- Strong interest in education that is relevant to their lives
- Students do not feel their perspective matters
- Students want to be heard and they want to be engaged in school
- Students want culturally responsive teaching and learning integrated into their schools and to have a stand alone Ethnic Studies classes

Next Step Activities 2019-20

- August Dr. Acosta addresses teachers at 2019 Welcome Back event
- September First CRSH Professional Development days
- October Follow up meeting for CRSH attendees
- January Second CRSH Professional Development days
- February Follow up meeting for CRSH attendees
- April Showcase of CRSH attendees' projects

Next Steps for Implementation

- Continue CRSH Professional Development
- Create Ethnic Studies CCD units in partnership with current CCD K-12 model
- Develop Board Policy for Ethnic Studies and Culturally Responsive Education
- Pilot Ethnic Studies in SY 2021-22

Comments or Questions

Thank You