SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 20-38

AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF AB 2016
CALIFORNIA ETHNIC STUDIES MODEL CURRICULUM DRAFT

WHEREAS, San Leandro High School students have the opportunity to participate in the History of Women in America and Ethnic Studies Courses, and/or robust World Language options including Spanish for Spanish Speakers, AP Spanish Language and Culture, Mandarin and AP Chinese Language and Culture, all including intensive cultural and empowering experiences; and

WHEREAS, students from a variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds make up approximately 85 percent of the student population in San Leandro Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, San Leandro Unified School District has a commitment to diversity, inclusion and equity; 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 San Leandro Unified School District affirms support of the California Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum Draft.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that San Leandro Unified School District 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that San Leandro Unified School District 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 Board of Education of the San Leandro Unified School District, State of California, on August 4, 2020 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

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Peter Oshinski, President
Board of Education, San Leandro Unified School District
County of Alameda, State of California