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Dear County and District Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, and Interested Individuals and Organizations:

## **Request for Advisory Committee Members to Develop New Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum**

Pursuant to California *Education Code* Section 51226.7, I am requesting your assistance to recruit individuals to serve on an advisory committee that will be responsible for developing a draft Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum for the state of California.

In 2016, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 2016, which authorized the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) to develop a model curriculum in ethnic studies. The purpose of this curriculum is to provide guidance to school districts so they can offer ethnic studies courses that reflect the student demographics in their communities. The model curriculum will include examples of courses offered by districts that have been approved as meeting the A–G admissions requirements of the University of California and the California State University, including, to the extent possible, course outlines for those courses. The legislation encourages school districts and charter schools that offer high school courses to offer all qualified students a course in ethnic studies based on the model curriculum.

The California Department of Education (CDE) is looking for individuals who are interested in participating in the development of the model curriculum. AB 2016 calls for the IQC to work with ethnic studies programs at universities and colleges and representatives of local educational agencies, including kindergarten through grade twelve teachers of ethnic studies, in the development of the model curriculum. The CDE is recruiting members of a model curriculum advisory committee (MCAC) that will meet for three two-day meetings in early 2019 to review drafts of the model curriculum and provide feedback. Committee members will not receive a stipend but will have all travel expenses and per diem reimbursed by the state.

The MCAC meetings will be held at the CDE headquarters in Sacramento on the following dates:

- February 14–15, 2019
- March 21–22, 2019

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- April 25–26, 2019

The online application for the MCAC is posted on the CDE Model Curriculum Projects web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/modelcurriculumprojects.asp>. I encourage you to help us recruit qualified applicants for this important project.

If you have any questions, please contact Kenneth McDonald, Lead Consultant for the 2020 Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, by phone at 916-319-0447 or by email at [kmcdonal@cde.ca.gov](mailto:kmcdonal@cde.ca.gov).

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in disseminating this information.

Sincerely,



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