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**JCRC Urges Adoption of Jewish American Lesson Plans
In Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum**

**Bulk of Proposed Revisions ‘Prove Encouraging,’
Though Changes Still Needed**

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17 – A major California Jewish group today announced its review of the California Department of Education’s proposed revisions to the forthcoming Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, saying that many of them proved encouraging, though additional changes were still needed.

The suggested revisions will be evaluated at the Nov. 18-19 meeting of the Instructional Quality Commission, an advisory body to the CDE. Then, another 45-day public commentary period will commence, before the curriculum’s March 2021 adoption deadline.

“We are encouraged that the California Department of Education has proposed that lessons on the Jewish American experience be a part of this model curriculum for all the state’s public schools,” said Tyler Gregory, executive director of the San Francisco Bay Area Jewish Community Relations Council, the central public affairs organization for the Bay Area Jewish community.

“Although further changes to the curriculum are still required, our review shows that the state has proposed holistic and equitable changes to the curriculum that protect our community and other communities by including language that seeks to prevent discrimination against any group in the classroom.”

The JCRC will continue to press for changes that are important to the Jewish community throughout the revision process.

The final version of the educational plan, created by Assembly Bill 2016, will be determined by the State Board of Education.

To stay informed of the latest developments about the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum, please visit www.jcrc.org.

About the JCRC

The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties is the central public affairs arm of the organized Jewish community and represents more than 60 synagogues and Jewish organizations on critical issues affecting the Bay Area Jewish community.