



To: Connecticut State Board of Education

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Subject: Black and Latino Studies Curriculum (P.A. 19-12)

The inclusion of the Black and Latino Studies elective in the secondary level course of studies in Connecticut provides an opportunity to nurture and develop a deep understanding and appreciation for our diverse citizenry and their role in our democracy.

Once P.A. 19-12 was enacted into law, The State Education Resource Center (SERC) organized an Advisory Group from across Connecticut, representing various agencies, institutions, and interested individuals. They provided critical expertise through their work on several committees and ultimately developed a comprehensive model curriculum.

The curriculum has been reviewed by the advisory group, a panel of experts, and a State Board of Education Committee. It provides significant resources, including units of studies that will undoubtedly support the instructional delivery of this course.

I am confident that this model curriculum will be a valuable tool for Connecticut educators, given your support. Thank you for your consideration.