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## Via Certified Mail & Email

San Francisco Unified School District 555 Franklin Street San Francisco, CA 94102 Email: sflink@sfusd.edu

RE: Request for Records and Documents under the California Public Records Act (§ 6250 et seq.) on behalf of Jewish Legal News, Inc.

## Dear Sir or Madam:

I represent the Jewish Legal News, Inc., a California non-profit organization reporting on topics of interest to the Jewish community. We are working on a special feature that researches the curriculum for Ethnic Studies, Israel and Palestine at schools and universities in the Bay Area.

On behalf of the Jewish Legal News, Inc., and pursuant to the California Public Records Act, please produce the following categories of documents, for the 2024-2025 school years:

- 1. All curriculum for the class Ethnic Studies
- 2. All curriculum for the class Ethnic Studies Honors
- 3. All curriculum related to Israel and/or Palestine in any history class.
- 4. All professional development offered to teachers related to Israel and/or Palestine.

In connection with this request, and to comply with your legal obligations:

- Please search all locations and systems likely to have responsive records, regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics. The California Constitution instructs to broadly construe all provisions that further the public's right of access, and to apply any limitations on access as narrowly as possible.
- Request for expedited processing: The records pertain to a matter of public importance and current debate. Providing expedited production of the records will facilitate the public understanding of these matters before they are fully

resolved. Undue delay would undermine the purpose of the public records laws, which serve to allow public input and oversight of government affairs.

• We respectfully request a waiver or reduction of fees associated with this request. Jewish Legal News, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and it does not intend to use the requested records for private or commercial interests. The primary purpose of this request is to inform the public's understanding of the curriculum related to Ethnic Studies, Israel, and Palestine.

To minimize the burden of production, I can accept records electronically. That being said, if there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me, if the cost will exceed twenty dollars.

If you expect a significant delay in responding to this request, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any, or all, of this request, please state in writing the basis for the denial, cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information, and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request and please let me know if you have any questions. You may respond in full to this request via email at mark@javitchlawoffice.com.

Sincerely,

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