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To: Dr. Karen Janney, Superintendent

From: Ana Maria Alvarez, Assistant Superintendent

Re: **Ethnic Studies -Update**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Board of Trustees with an update of the district's implementation of Ethnic Studies courses in our high schools.

In August, Mr. Segura requested information regarding the current status of Ethnic Studies programs in the district. For the 2015-2016, one high school, Chula Vista High School, included Mexican-American Studies in its master schedule. The Office of Curriculum and Instruction worked with schools in December and January to potentially increase the number of sites offering similar course.

School sites are in the process of articulating student course choices into their master schedules. At this time, the following high schools have reported they will offer a course in Ethnic Studies or a similar course in the 2016-2017 school year:

- Chula Vista
- Olympian – Tagalog Language which incorporates cultural studies
- San Ysidro
- Sweetwater

The Office of Curriculum and Instruction will continue to publicize the course and provide support for sites considering offering the course during the 2016-2017 school year. Note that cultural studies are also included in other courses such as Spanish for Spanish Speakers.