

House Bill 7082

I am writing to support the inclusion of African American studies in school curriculum. As a Caucasian woman I feel that we need to understand all of our history. There is a degree of ignorance surrounding the story of how African Americans came to this country and how they had to fight for equality and rights that we take for granted.

I was reminded of this when a woman said she was upset that her son was given an incomplete for an assignment he did for black history month. She failed to understand how a project about Abraham Lincoln wasn't acceptable.

I would hope curriculum would be developed in such a way that it would promote mutual understanding and respect. I do not claim to be an educator so do not know the best way to incorporate the course material. However I think it may be best to include it throughout other courses as well as having it separate if that is the intent. I feel it is too important to not have the context of all aspects of what was happening at any given time.

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