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Board of Trustees  
Alum Rock Elementary Union School District  
2930 Gay Ave  
San Jose, CA 95127

**RE: Support for Resolution 37 – 19/20 – Establishing an Ethnic Studies Adoption Committee for the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District**

Dear Board of Trustees:

I am writing in support of Resolution 37 – 19/20, which would establish an Ethnic Studies Adoption Committee for the Alum Rock Union Elementary School District (ARUESD). The ARUESD represents a diverse student population and is dedicated to ensuring that all students receive a high-quality education. ARUESD also has a commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity. I believe that establishing an Ethnic Studies Adoption Committee would help ARUESD to advance these priorities further.

California has one of the largest and most diverse student populations in the county. At the ARUESD, about 98% percent of the student population is composed of students from a variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds. Now, more than ever, it is important that schools provide culturally relevant instruction and curriculum. Studies show that ethnic studies promote respect and compassion among students. Ethnic studies also help to narrow the achievement gap and the opportunity gap for students of color. With Resolution 37 – 19/20, a stakeholder group will research ethnic studies curriculum, review relevant materials, consider the scope of piloting the curriculum, and then present a recommendation to the Superintendent and the ARUESD Board of Education. This is a step in the right direction to further promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion at ARUESD.

For the reasons above, I support Resolution 37 – 19/20. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kansen Chu".

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