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Dear Parent or Guardian,

During the 2018-2019 school year, an adoption committee of K-6 teachers piloted social science curriculum. As per Board Policy 6161.1, the social science curriculum was on display for community members to review from March 18-22, 2019. The committee recommended Studies Weekly as the K-6 Social Science curriculum. Modesto City Schools' Board approved the recommendation on the night of May 13, 2019.

On July 14, 2016, the State Board of Education adopted an updated History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools that includes new guidance for how to integrate the content required by the Fair Act into classroom instruction. The Fair Act prescribes the inclusion of the contributions of various groups in the history of California and the United States. This section includes a study of role and contributions of both men and women, Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities and other ethnic and cultural groups. Studies Weekly provides a fully aligned and integrated History-Social Science K-6 program that presents a fair approach to all people and perspectives.

We acknowledge the rights of parents and guardians to information, and support collaboration between parents and districts in the advancement of student educational goals. Those rights include the right to examine curriculum materials of classes in which their children are enrolled, and the right to meet with their child's teacher and/or principal. We encourage parents and guardians to review the curriculum and speak to their child's teacher and/or principal.

Finally, we have created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document on our website to inform families on "Opt-Out" information, Board of Education Policies, and Education Codes for the state of California. Please visit our MCS webpage at <https://www.mcs4kids.com> (go to: parents/student learning/ curriculum & instruction).

Respectfully,

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