



Dear Members of the Alabama Board of Education,

I am writing to you as President of the Alabama Council of the Social Studies, to express our support for the proposed draft of the new Alabama Social Studies Course of Study. In today's interconnected world, a well-rounded understanding of history, civics, economics, and geography is crucial for developing responsible, informed, and engaged citizens. This new course of study emphasizes these disciplines through a diverse, balanced approach that encourages civic responsibility, and engagement.

Our organization has found that this document has increased indigenous history, African American history, developed a comprehensive approach to Alabama and American history in elementary grades, incorporated geography in greater capacities across multiple grade levels, taken a more interdisciplinary approach to world history in middle grades, while including more specific examples and connections to Alabama history, and including civic foundations.

The Alabama Council for the Social Studies, along with our membership of social studies teachers across the state of Alabama, we proudly support this new draft of the Alabama Social Studies Course of Study.

Sincerely,

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