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**Subject:** Comment on EQS

Dear Kim Gleason, Tammy Kolbe, and members of the State Board of Education EQS Committee,

We are writing to you as Jewish community members living in Marshfield, Vermont. We are excited to learn that the recommended changes to the Education Quality Standards (EQS) will promote critical thinking around the history, contributions, and viewpoints of many different ethnic and social groups and among other changes, provide welcoming spaces for all students. This work is important to us because we are a country of people from various cultures, all of them important. We believe all people are of value and need to be respected, including Palestinians. We are abashed at the notion that supporting Palestinian people is anti-Semitic. As Jews, we believe Palestinian people deserve the same respect and support as everyone else and should be treated in accordance with that value.

Warm regards,  
Sue and John Morris

We cannot have justice for all without changing the systems that have held some hostage to poverty, prejudice, and inequity. —Elizabeth Conard

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