

Uproot Racism: Save Democracy

Pass “An Act to promote racially inclusive curriculum in schools” ([H 542/S 288](#)).

Yes, this is a tall order. *But a remedy that gets at the roots of a problem can bring about great results.*

Our country is multicultural and multiethnic from its very inception, yet we persist in educating our students through a Eurocentric lens, thus allowing racial and ethnic divides to fester and undermine our democracy. Would a Confederate flag have been flown in the U.S. Capitol on January 6 had our k-12 public school curriculum included the contributions, histories and cultural heritages of our Indigenous nations and Black and other communities of color?

Our students and teachers deserve a comprehensive and accurate curriculum that tells the whole truth of America. In 2021, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ([DESE](#)) provided [guidance](#) and recommended resources to reflect the importance of race, racism and culturally inclusive teaching. [H 542/S 288](#) builds on DESE guidance to provide focused direction for academic standards in DESE’s curriculum frameworks to incorporate the histories and narratives of underrepresented racial and ethnic groups and Indigenous nations into public school instruction. The bill also establishes a trust fund administered by DESE to provide grant-based support for school districts to join in creating, experimenting with and implementing such curricula. For more information, please visit www.care4eduequity.org

An Act to Promote Racially Inclusive Curriculum in Schools will provide K-12 education that opens [windows through which students can understand the realities of others and mirrors to see the students’ own realities reflected](#). As our shared humanity becomes visible, we will rise together, as a commonwealth and as a nation, alike in our differences. Only then will our democracy be secure.

Come to the State House on June 27 and talk to your legislators about the critical importance of an inclusive education. There will be training, refreshments and t-shirts (while supplies last). Register here: <http://bit.ly/3MNSPIP>

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