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**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ETHNIC STUDIES  
CURRICULUM IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS:** While the movement to popularize ethnic studies in education began in the 1960s, a concerted effort to bring ethnic studies to BPS started in 2018; and

**WHEREAS:** Over the last two years, the proponents of ethnic studies have developed a curriculum through peer-led work with teachers and the Superintendent of BPS has voiced her support for this work; and

**WHEREAS:** Mainstreaming an ethnic studies curriculum for BPS is just one step toward building racial equity into our school system; and

**WHEREAS:** It would provide students and educators meaningful opportunities to critically, academically, and personally examine the histories of people of color, the forms of power that shape our world and worldviews, and the societal shifts necessary to dismantle racism; and

**WHEREAS:** In short, ethnic studies curriculum is an essential component to a high quality education in the 21st century and ought to be fully funded throughout our district, **THEREFORE, BE IT**

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the existing challenges and barriers to fully funding an Ethnic Studies pilot program so that we have an effective foundation on which to build. Members of the Ethnic Studies Now Committee, the Boston Public Schools, students, educators, and community advocates will be invited to testify.

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