

Statement from NM House Republican Whip Rod Montoya following the LESC discussion of the new social studies standards:

*"I left this meeting more concerned than before." said House Republican Whip Rod Montoya (Farmington). " Rather than just teaching children historical facts, PED and Democrat legislators are intent on teaching children to interpret historical facts through the lenses of racial inequity, gender fluidity, and victimhood. Even more concerning is the Chairman of the interim Education Committee, Senator Soules, stating emphatically that if parents don't want their children to be taught these standards that they should take their kids out of public school and homeschool them"*

Montoya continued, *"It's bizarre to see a panel of powerful legislators, made up almost entirely of minorities, endorse social studies standards that teach children our 'racist' system prevents 'people of color' from achieving success in New Mexico."*