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Institute for Curriculum Services Statement on The Trouble With Textbooks: Distorting History and Religion:

ICS commends Gary Tobin and Dennis Ybarra on this probing book, which examines the inaccuracies and biases commonly found in American social studies textbooks.

The authors have identified many of the problems that the Institute for Curriculum Services (ICS) was created to address. ICS was launched in 2005 to work on the textbooks being adopted in California. Since that time, ICS has worked with Jewish communities across the country, in Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, and Indiana, to improve the accuracy of instructional material content on Jews, Judaism, and Israel.

Regarding ICS, Tobin and Ybarra conclude:

“ICS differs from other Jewish organizations...because it is devoted to the single purpose of involvement in school curriculum matters and has a strategic national approach to addressing the problems with textbooks...By skillfully developing relationships...ICS has demonstrated its ability to work successfully with the major publishers...ICS has, in its short existence, made progress in addressing the problems detailed in this book.”

Since its inception, ICS has worked with all of the major textbook publishers to improve the accuracy of content pertaining to Jews, Judaism, and Israel. As a result, all students, Jewish and non-Jewish, read more accurate and balanced social studies textbooks.

The Institute for Curriculum Services is available to comment on this story.

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