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Daniel P. Sullivan, III, Superintendent
Putnam Public Schools
152 Woodstock Avenue
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Dear Mr. Sullivan,

Thank you for your recent letter and for bringing the correspondence you received from Dr. Bergman to my attention. I want to start by noting that the statements – many of which were highly objectionable – do not reflect the views and positions of Central Connecticut State University or the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system.

I have discussed this matter with President Toro, and, from a personal level, we both strongly disagree with Dr. Bergman's assertions. As a system, we strongly support the inclusion of diverse historical perspectives in curriculum. We fully support Putnam Public Schools' important efforts to ensure our nation's history, including the systemic racism on which the country was built and which permeates society today, is taught.

My team and I are always happy to work directly with you – please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Jane McBride Gates

Jane Gates, Ph.D.
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