

EXHIBIT 8.9. Critical Thinking Dialogue

“Ethnic Studies”

Student One: Have you taken an Ethnic Studies class yet? Do you know what it is about?

Student Two: (Yes, I have/No I have not). It teaches about how different groups have contributed to make the United States what it is today, and talks about the challenges they have faced, including racism.

Student One: That sounds interesting. I’ve heard that some people don’t like it. They say it makes people not like each other, and makes them feel less like a part of this country. What do you think?

Student Two: I think it is a (good/bad) idea because _____.
What do you think?

Student One: I think it is a (good/bad) idea because _____.
What do you think, _____?

Student Three: I think it is a (good/bad) idea because _____.

Student One: It does sound more interesting than what Mr. Ferlazzo teaches us.

Student Two: You should be nice to Mr. Ferlazzo. He tries his best.

Student Three: Yes, just because he is old and makes lots of mistakes, we should still be nice to him.