

I had my first teacher of color when I was in 10th grade. Its disappointing to realize the lack of diversity in our schools and I know that I would have felt more safe and connected to a teacher if I knew I could share an experience with them that they have experienced as well. If I would have had diverse teachers, I would have learned to embrace my culture and other peoples cultures as well. I support this bill because I want my younger sibilings to grow up seeing people of color as their teachers so that they can feel more comfortable and safe in sharing their culture. I want their teachers to know and understand their struggles as minorities.