



## Fairview High School International Baccalaureate

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Dear Fairview Community,

One of our most popular and successful course offerings within the IB program has been History of the Americas, which is currently undergoing a curriculum review at the school level. It is a Higher Level world history course which has a focus on the Americas (strong emphasis on Latin America), and is widely used by diploma candidates as a curricular pathway to the IB diploma. The main goal of the curriculum review is to expand the number of texts which could be used by students to learn course content.

Toward this goal, we are purchasing two new texts.

*Born in Blood and Fire: A Concise History of Latin America*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.,  
John Charles Chasteen, W.W. Norton and Company, Copyright 2011, ISBN:  
978-0-393-91154-1

*From Beirut to Jerusalem*, Revised Ed., Thomas L. Friedman, Anchor  
Books, Copyright 1995, ISBN: 0-385-41372-6

Before we can make the purchases, however, the district requires a **public review** of the learning materials. **We are looking for five individuals who are willing to review the texts and offer comments.** Although we are looking for five individuals, anyone in the Fairview community is welcome to conduct the reviews, the more the merrier.

The process is simple. Reviews are done by answering standard questions, and the entire process can be done in a couple of hours (or less). Completed reviews are then submitted to the district for school board approval.

Please consider being a reviewer. Materials are available in the IB office and can be reviewed at your convenience; please just come by or call the IB office to set up a review time. Reviews need to be completed by **February 28, 2011**.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Cordially,

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