



ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROCLAMATION



SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS' DAY - April 28, 2026

WHEREAS, each year on the fourth Tuesday in April, the State of California officially recognizes school bus drivers for their outstanding dedication and service to the youth of our state, making them deserving of public recognition and the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of our children are entrusted to highly trained school bus drivers each school day, ensuring safe and reliable transportation; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers are the first district ambassadors to greet our students in the morning and the last to see them safely home, setting a positive and welcoming tone for the entire educational day; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers dedicate significant time and effort to mastering the complexities of modern student transit, maintaining rigorous licensing requirements, and staying informed of evolving transportation laws through ongoing professional development; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers serve as mobile mentors, fostering an environment of belonging and mutual respect that encourages positive interactions among students and staff alike; and


WHEREAS, school bus drivers exemplify patience, kindness, and professionalism in their daily interactions with students, parents, and school staff; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers play a critical role in ensuring student safety by rigorously inspecting their buses, monitoring road conditions, and maintaining exceptional driving standards to ensure every journey is a safe one; and

WHEREAS, many school bus drivers accumulate thousands of accident-free miles year after year, demonstrating a profound level of skill and a deep commitment to the safety of our youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education of the Orange Unified School District proclaims **April 28, 2026**, as "**School Bus Drivers' Day**" to celebrate and honor the invaluable contributions of these essential staff members. Their dedication goes beyond the driver's seat; they are vital threads in the fabric of our community, ensuring that every student arrives at school ready to learn and returns home safely, making a lasting impact on the lives of the families we serve.

Dated this 16th day of April 2026

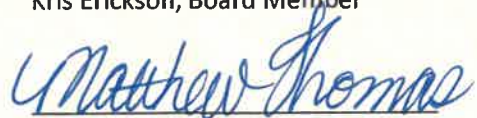

Stephen Glass, Board President

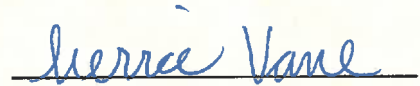

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