



ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT
"Our Community, Our Children, Our Commitment, Our Future"

RESOLUTION 2026-27-07

**RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 25-29, 2027
AS THE GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE WEEK**

WHEREAS, Ontario-Montclair School District is deeply committed to nurturing a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment where all individuals are treated with respect, dignity, and compassion;

WHEREAS, promoting empathy, acceptance, and social-emotional well-being is vital to the personal, emotional, and academic success of our youth, and serves as a powerful foundation for student achievement;

WHEREAS, creating a safe, welcoming, and uplifting school environment is a key component in fostering a sense of belonging and actively reducing chronic absenteeism;

WHEREAS, The Great Kindness Challenge (GKC) is a global movement that promotes kindness, social-emotional well-being, and bullying prevention from Transitional Kindergarten through eighth grade;

WHEREAS, the California Department of Education, in partnership with The Great Kindness Challenge, encourages all California school communities to participate in the GKC Week from January 25–29, 2027, under the theme "Choose kind, every time!"

WHEREAS, this year's theme calls on students, educators, and families to shine a light on kindness, capturing and sharing the powerful ways they bring compassion to life and infuse our world with positivity;

WHEREAS, deliberate, proactive acts of kindness have a proven, transformative impact on community culture, as evidenced last year by more than 4.4 million California students across 7,859 schools who shared over 222 million acts of kindness;

WHEREAS, The Great Kindness Challenge empowers students to engage in purposeful acts of kindness at school, at home, and throughout the community using free, year-round tools, customizable checklists, and classroom curricula; and

WHEREAS, participating in this dedicated week allows our community to celebrate positivity, strengthen interpersonal relationships, earn recognition as a Kindness Certified School, and build a lasting foundation of care.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we encourage all students, staff, families, and residents to actively participate in acts of kindness, inclusion, and compassion using the provided resources, making kindness the foundation of our community not only during this week, but throughout the entire year. The Board of Trustees of the Ontario-Montclair School District adopts Resolution 2026-27-07, recognizing the week of January 25–29, 2027, as The Great Kindness Challenge Week in the Ontario-Montclair School District.

Adopted by the Ontario-Montclair School District Board of Trustees on this 2nd day of July, 2026.

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