



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

RESOLUTION 2026-27-08

**RECOGNIZING OCTOBER
AS SCHOOL SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, excellence in education is dependent on safe, orderly, secure, and peaceful school environments that promote a positive school culture and climate to support student academic success;

WHEREAS, the Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) is committed to maintaining safe and secure school environments year-round;

WHEREAS, OMSD is committed to helping our school communities continue to be as prepared as possible and to maintain safe and secure school environments year-round throughout our emergency preparedness efforts for Earthquakes, Medical Emergencies, Fire Safety Procedures, Drills/Emergency Response practices and school site Emergency Plans;

WHEREAS, OMSD maintains school safety as a top priority and as such, OMSD created the "See Something, Hear Something, Say Something" Campaign and the OMSD Safety Department;

WHEREAS, OMSD supports and recognizes the important roles our Campus Safety Officers, Campus Mentors, School Psychologists, Counselors, and Crisis Management Teams, play in ensuring safe school environments that promote a positive school culture;

WHEREAS, OMSD engages partnerships to promote safe routes to school;

WHEREAS, OMSD provides a continuum of services and programs that offer physical, social, emotional, behavioral, and intellectual supports intended to enable all students to have an equal opportunity for success at school by eliminating barriers and promoting engagement in learning through safe and respectful school environments through the efforts of the Health & Wellness Department;

WHEREAS, school safety is a shared responsibility and as such designates October as School Safety Awareness Month in OMSD;

WHEREAS, during the month of October, Administrators will be asked to encourage participation from students, staff and families to create activities, conversations and highlight areas of focus that promote the importance of school safety through the lenses of engagement, equity, encouragement, and education;

Attest:

Sonia Alvarado
Board President

Kristen "Kris" Brake
Board Clerk

Flora Martinez
Board Member

Engagement – All safety initiatives should begin by listening to students, families, teachers, and school leaders and working with existing community organizations, and build intentional, ongoing engagement opportunities into the District's program structure.

Equity– Ensuring that initiatives are benefiting all demographic groups, with particular attention to ensuring safe, healthy, and fair outcomes for all students, staff, and community members.

Encouragement – Generating enthusiasm and increased participation of students and staff through events, activities, and programs to promote ownership and active engagement.

Education – Providing students, staff, and community members with resources and education about the importance of school safety from all aspects, to support student academic success.

WHEREAS, during the month of October, the District will host various activities aligned with the different topics that can bring awareness and our shared responsibility in ensuring schools remain safe.

October 1-4, 2026: Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders Through Safety Awareness Week

October 5-11, 2026: Walk/Bike to School to Raise Safety Awareness arriving to and from School

October 12-18, 2026: School Safety Preparedness Awareness Week

October 19-25, 2026: School Safety Staff Personnel Appreciation Week

October 26-30, 2026: See Something, Hear Something, Say Something Awareness Week

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby determine school safety is a shared responsibility and as such, this resolution promotes school safety from a wide perspective and has designated October as School Safety Awareness Month.

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

Elvia M. Rivas
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