



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

RESOLUTION 2026-27-25

**RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2027 AS NATIONAL
ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH (NAAHM)**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Ontario-Montclair School District recognizes April as National Arab American Heritage Month (NAAHM), a nationally observed designation honoring the histories, cultures, languages, and contributions of Arab Americans to the United States;

WHEREAS, the diversity within the Arab American community enriches our nation and adds to the vibrant tapestry of American life with roots in 22 countries in the Middle East and North Africa, including Algeria, Bahrain, the Comoros Islands, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen;

WHEREAS, Arab Americans represent a diverse population with ancestral roots across the Middle East and North Africa, encompassing a wide range of nationalities, religions, languages, and cultural traditions, all of which contribute to the richness of American society;

WHEREAS, Arab Americans have made significant and lasting contributions to the United States in fields including education, medicine, science, engineering, business, public service, literature, arts, and civic leadership;

WHEREAS, the Ontario-Montclair School District is committed to advancing equity through its Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and other initiatives that support inclusive practices, culturally responsive instruction, and the success of historically underserved student groups;

WHEREAS, schools must promote accurate, balanced, and inclusive instruction that reflects the historical experiences and contemporary contributions of Arab American communities, while fostering understanding, respect, and intercultural awareness; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario-Montclair School District is committed to fostering equitable, inclusive, and culturally responsive learning environments that honor the diversity, dignity, and lived experiences of all students, families, and staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Ontario-Montclair School District adopts resolution 2026-27-25, Recognizing the Month of April 2027 as National Arab American Heritage Month (NAAHM) across all district schools and facilities; and that the District encourages the integration of accurate and inclusive instructional practices that reflect Arab American histories and contributions throughout the year.

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

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