



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

RESOLUTION 2026-27-24

**RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2027
AS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Ontario-Montclair School District recognizes the month of April as Autism Awareness Month, bringing awareness to the immense need for equitable and diverse educational opportunities for all youth;

WHEREAS, this recognition, founded by The Autism Society, began in 1972 and was called "National Autistic Children's Week," and on April 2, 2008, the United Nations recognized it as World Autism Awareness Day to raise awareness of the need to improve many facets of life to be more inclusive and equitable, specifically for people with autism spectrum disorder and other disabilities;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 1 in 31 children lives with autism spectrum disorder;

WHEREAS, autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that typically lasts throughout a person's lifetime;

WHEREAS, autism can result in difficulties in communication, socialization, sensory perception, and behavioral characteristics, with difficulties ranging from mild to severe;

WHEREAS, it is absolutely vital that students living with autism spectrum disorder feel included and accepted in our classrooms, schools, and communities;

WHEREAS, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario-Montclair School District supports inclusive learning environments that promote strong physical and mental health outcomes for all students, including through the integration of social-emotional learning.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Ontario-Montclair School District adopts resolution 2026-27-24, Recognizing the Month of April 2027 as Autism Awareness Month across all district schools and facilities; and that the District encourages all schools and departments to engage students and staff in meaningful instructional practices and activities that promote inclusion, understanding, and acceptance of individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

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

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