



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

RESOLUTION 2026-27-29

**RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2026
AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Ontario-Montclair School District recognizes November as Native American Heritage Month, a nationally observed designation honoring the history, achievements, and contributions of Native Americans;

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month, nationally recognized each November, provides an opportunity to honor the rich histories, living cultures, languages, traditions, and sovereign status of Native American and Alaska Native peoples, who are the original inhabitants of the lands now known as the United States;

WHEREAS, the European settlers were aided in their survival by the teachings of this country's first inhabitants, and the contributions of the Native Americans to this nation's government, history, and culture are as numerous and varied as the tribes themselves;

WHEREAS, Native American nations are diverse and distinct sovereign tribal nations with their own governance systems, cultural practices, languages, and histories that predate the founding of the United States by thousands of years;

WHEREAS, the histories of Native American peoples include profound contributions to agriculture, environmental stewardship, governance, science, language, and cultural traditions;

WHEREAS, the American culture has been greatly influenced by traditions of Indigenous Peoples and their close relationship to the earth and all its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Ontario-Montclair School District recognizes the importance of ensuring that curriculum and instructional practices accurately reflect Indigenous histories and contemporary experiences, including both historical injustices and the ongoing contributions and sovereignty of Native peoples.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Ontario-Montclair School District adopts resolution 2026-27-29, Recognizing the Month of November as Native American Heritage Month across all district schools and facilities; and that the District encourages ongoing professional learning for educators and staff to strengthen understanding of Indigenous histories, tribal sovereignty, and culturally responsive instructional practices.

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

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