



ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Proclamation

PROCLAMATION: ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2026

WHEREAS, the Orange Unified School District is committed to ensuring that every student is present, engaged, and prepared to succeed, recognizing that consistent attendance is a foundation for academic achievement, student well-being, and lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, through the districtwide initiative, Champion Attendance: Every School. Every Student. Every Day, Orange Unified School District has fostered a culture in which attendance is a shared responsibility and a collective commitment among students, families, staff, schools, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, these collaborative efforts have resulted in meaningful and sustained improvements in student attendance, with the District's overall attendance rate increasing by approximately 1.5 percent since the 2022–23 school year and chronic absenteeism declining to 12.2 percent, a decrease of more than 12 percentage points since 2021–22; and

WHEREAS, these accomplishments extend far beyond statistics, as OUSD students have regained more than 23 million instructional minutes since 2022–23, providing additional opportunities for learning, connection, growth, and achievement; and

WHEREAS, through wellness home visits, restorative SART and SARB practices, Orange Crush Attendance Awards, schoolwide attendance celebrations, and other supportive efforts, Orange Unified School District continues to demonstrate that when students feel connected, supported, and valued, they are more likely to attend school and be ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and perseverance of OUSD students, families, educators, staff, and community partners have been instrumental in removing barriers to attendance, strengthening student engagement, and creating conditions in which every student has the opportunity to thrive;

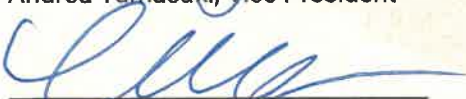
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Orange Unified School District Board of Education hereby recognizes September 2026 as Attendance Awareness Month and reaffirms its commitment to supporting strong student attendance throughout the District.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that Orange Unified School District celebrates the collective efforts of its students, families, staff, schools, and community partners and encourages the entire OUSD community to continue championing attendance: Every School. Every Student. Every Day. Attendance Matters.

Dated this 10th Day of September, 2026

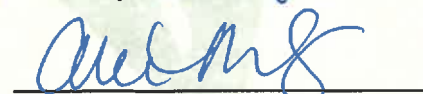

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