



ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Proclamation

PROCLAMATION: LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL - OCTOBER 22, 2026

WHEREAS, LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL is an annual national celebration recognizing the important contributions of afterschool programs and their positive impact on students, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, Orange Unified School District's Expanded Learning programs, including After School Education and Safety (ASES), Centers for Afterschool Recreation Enrichment and Safety (CARES), the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P), and enrichment provided in partnership with community-based organizations serve students before and after school and during non-school days; and

WHEREAS, Expanded Learning Programs complement the instructional day by providing academic support, enrichment, sports, arts, STEM, career exploration, leadership, social-emotional learning, and other experiences that allow students to explore their interests, strengthen their skills, and develop self-efficacy; and

WHEREAS, these programs provide safe, supportive, and engaging environments that foster positive relationships, inspire student engagement, and support families in balancing work, school, and family responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the success of Expanded Learning is strengthened by the dedication of Expanded Learning staff, site leaders, educators, coaches, instructors and community-based organizations who work collaboratively to serve our students and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Orange Unified School District Board of Education hereby recognizes October 22, 2026 as LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL in the Orange Unified School District and encourages our schools, District staff, community partners, families, and students to celebrate the positive impact of afterschool and Expanded Learning Programs.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Orange Unified School District Board of Education honors the dedication of its Expanded Learning staff and community partners whose collaboration helps ensure that students have access to meaningful experiences, supportive relationships, and opportunities to discover their interests, build their skills, and thrive beyond the school day.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2026


Stephen Glass, Board President


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