

Lancaster School District

Proclamation

School Safety Month

October 2020

WHEREAS, all students enrolled in the Lancaster School District have the right to attend campuses that are safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, safe schools are orderly and purposeful places in which students and staff are free to learn and teach without the threat of physical or psychological harm; and

WHEREAS, an essential element in achieving safer schools is the development of a collaborative and coordinated planning approach at the local level – an approach that is integrated into ongoing school planning efforts and includes participation of students, parents, teachers, administrators, and other school support personnel, as well as representatives of law enforcement, business and community agencies; and

WHEREAS, there is a strong positive correlation between safe schools and high academic achievement and that the Board and Superintendent provide leadership in establishing safe schools, creating enabling policies, developing behavior standards, and providing support and assistance to students to become self-directed and responsible; and

WHEREAS, schools and their partners in planning for safe schools must consider a multitude of critical issues, including the experiences of students, parents, teachers, administrators, and other support personnel; physical settings and conditions; leadership and organization processes; and the general atmosphere and spirit of each school; and

WHEREAS, the substantial benefit of students derive from regular attendance in a safe and orderly school environment justifies a high priority and commitment of attention, policy focus, personnel and fiscal resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster School District hereby declares October 2020, as **School Safety Month** and encourages staff to participate in activities to prevent campus crime and violence, develop conflict resolution skills, improve discipline, increase attendance and enhance student achievement, reduce drug and alcohol use, suppress gang activities, and eliminate weapons on campus.

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Character Counts Month

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WHEREAS, the American heritage and laws reflect a common core of personal and social values that hold the citizens of this democracy responsible for acting morally and ethically, being actively involved in school and community, resolving differences peacefully, and respecting the rights, dignity and property of others; and

WHEREAS, the character of a nation is only as strong as the character of its individual citizens, and the public good is advanced when young people are taught that good character counts in personal relationships, in school, and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, concerns about the character training of children have taken on a new sense of urgency as deteriorating social conditions threaten the physical and psychological well-being of our youth and our nation; and

WHEREAS, although character development is, first and foremost, an obligation of families, the efforts of faith communities, schools, and youth, civic, and human service organizations also play a very important role in supporting families to foster and promote good character; and

WHEREAS, educators are called upon to impress upon students the principles of morality, truth, justice, patriotism, and a true comprehension of the rights, duties, and dignity of American citizenship and the meaning of equality and human dignity, all of which result in awakening students to the moral and ethical virtues that build a fundamental strength of character; and


WHEREAS, the Antelope Valley Career Preparation Council, comprised of local educators and representatives of business, industry and government, have agreed on the work ethics characteristics that are necessary for successful employment and productive citizenship; and

WHEREAS, six common essential ethical values form the foundation of both a successful career and our democratic society: *trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship*, and these six character traits transcend cultural, religious, and socioeconomic differences.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Lancaster School District hereby endorses these six essential ethical values and urges all adults to incorporate these core values into their work with young people in educational programs, in the classroom, on the playground, campus, and athletic field and encourages all citizens to model these traits of good character in an ongoing commitment to promote character development and ethical behavior among the youth of our State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees declares October as **Character Counts Month** and calls on educators to integrate appropriate activities to embrace these core values into the program of instruction throughout the year.

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WEEK OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

October 11 – 17, 2020

WHEREAS, leadership matters for California’s public education system and the more than 6 million students it serves; and

WHEREAS, school administrators are passionate, lifelong learners who believe in the value of quality public education; and

WHEREAS, the term “school administrator” is a broad term used to define many education leadership posts; and

WHEREAS, school leaders depend on a network of support from school communities – fellow administrators, teachers, parents, students, businesses, community members, board trustees, colleges and universities, community and faith-based organizations, elected officials and district and county staff and resources – to promote ongoing student achievement and school success; and

WHEREAS, providing quality service for student success is paramount for the profession; and

WHEREAS, most school administrators began their careers as teachers. The average administrator has served in public education for more than a decade. Most of California’s superintendents have served in education for more than 20 years. Such experience is beneficial in their work to effectively and efficiently lead public education and improve student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the future of California’s public education system depends upon the quality of its leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lancaster School District proclaims October 11–17, 2020, as the **Week of the School Administrator** to recognize the many contributions made by the administrative teams in the Lancaster School District to ensure successful student achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all school leaders of Lancaster School District be commended for their support of, and contributions to, quality education in the State.

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