

Lancaster School District

Proclamation

Character Counts Month

October 2020

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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Sandra Price
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