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## **Black History Month Celebration**

On February 24, 2022, Congresswoman Norma Torres visited Elderberry Elementary School and recognized teacher Jasmine Saunders in honor of Black History Month. Jasmine Saunders has taught at Elderberry Elementary School for the past 20 years and was recently named by the San Bernardino County Superintendent of School as the 2021-2022 Teacher of the Year. Through Ms. Saunders's dedication, inclusive and transformative leadership, she has fostered a culturally responsive and comprehensive learning environment where each person is treated with respect within the Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD).

Ms. Saunders has been actively engaged in numerous programs and committees that promote and support academic advancement and extracurricular activities for all students. She epitomizes the commitment OMSD has in creating a positive and nurturing culture where all students can achieve academic success.

Black History Month highlights the legacy of exemplar role models around the world who have made a positive impact in the lives of others and continue to be an inspiration. Board President Elvia M. Rivas stated, "OMSD is proud to participate in celebrating Black History Month by honoring our educators who dedicate their life's work in cultivating excellence, equity, access, and diversity that supports in providing a world-class education for our students."

Being a part of this annual celebration highlights, embraces, and recognizes the rich diversity of cultures within our community. Provides an opportunity for creative minds to come together and make a difference.



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