

**ONTARIO-MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Resolution 2022-23-04, Recognizing the Month of September 2022
as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month — a time to raise awareness on this stigmatized, and often taboo, topic; and

WHEREAS, the goal is ensuring that students, families and staff members have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention, to seek help and provide support to those suffering from this mental illness; and

WHEREAS, in addition to shifting public perception, this month is used to spread hope and vital information to people affected by suicide ideation or mental illness and those supporting them;

WHEREAS, suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background; and

WHEREAS, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition and suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues; and

WHEREAS, all children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive mental health services, which meet their individual needs; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that society emphasize the mental health needs of children and youth and invest in mental health education as a top priority; and

WHEREAS, the services provided by the District's social workers, clinical counselors and therapists are multi-faceted, combining psychological, social and practical elements; and


WHEREAS, mental health providers collaborate with teachers and other educators to assist students in managing and overcoming crisis due to loss or trauma, provide students the tools to thrive emotionally and create resilient individuals; and

WHEREAS, mental health providers seek to identify and utilize community resources, which can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society and learn to manage their mental health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Ontario-Montclair School District adopts Resolution 2022-23-04, Recognizing the Month of September 2022 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in support of our students, families and staff who are facing mental health challenges and encourages them to seek appropriate therapy and comprehensive resources in order to manage and overcome crisis.

Adopted by the Ontario-Montclair School District Board of Trustees on this 18th day of August 2022.




Flora Martinez, Clerk
Board of Trustees