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James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Dear OMSD students, families, staff, and community:

As we all prepare for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I wish to extend a message of sincere gratitude and appreciation for being able to live and work in the Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) community. Although 2020 has been a challenging year and has pushed us in ways we never wanted or expected, we have a great deal to be thankful for in OMSD.

- Thank you to our students who attend class each day ready to learn and grow. You inspire us to do our best work for you. You are our future leaders.
- Thank you to our classified support staff, teachers, and administrators who strive each day to ensure the success of our students. Your commitment has been unwavering. You give your best on a daily basis to ensure our students achieve to their fullest potential.
- Thank you to our parents, families, and community/business partners who support our students through the investment of time and commitment. You make a difference in the lives our students.

COVID-19 case rates have increased by approximately 50 percent in California during the first week of November. This has resulted in Governor Newsom's recent implementation of a limited Stay at Home Order requiring that non-essential work, movement and gatherings stop between the hours of 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM in counties that are in the purple tier from the Governor's Blue Print for a Safer Economy.

As you may recall, I made the decision last month to keep our focused on the online learning platform for the remainder of the calendar year (2020). As a reminder, we will not begin in-person instruction before the 2021 calendar year. While no definitive date has been determined, we continue to monitor COVID trends and when we are ready to make that transition, I will provide staff and parents ample notice to make the necessary preparations for in-person instruction. In the meantime, I encourage our families and staff who may need assistance from school sites/departments to reach out via email or phone call and avoid in person visits whenever possible. We can all do our share to minimize exposure.

On behalf of the OMSD Board of Trustees, thank you for being a partner with us and for everything you do to make OMSD a wonderful place of learning for students and families. We will continue to move forward, as a district, to provide a world-class education to our students.

I hope that each of you have a restful and peaceful holiday while staying safe and healthy.

Sincerely,
James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.
Superintendent