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## Berlyn Elementary School Selected as a 2022 America's Healthiest School

Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) is proud to announce that the Berlyn Elementary School community has made the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's 2022 list of America's Healthiest Schools! This recognition is held by 406 schools in the country and only 36 schools in the state of California. This recognition celebrates schools for their achievements in advancing the physical, mental and social-emotional health of students, staff and families. Berlyn Elementary School is being recognized in the following categories:

- Increasing Family and Community Engagement
- Improving Nutrition & Food Access
- Supporting School Health Services

Principal Katie Bartosh stated "Today the Berlyn Bears were proud to celebrate this prestigious recognition with our school community as well as the National Walk/Ride Bike to School Day with various activities and a special community assembly. Staff encouraged students, staff and families to walk to school. Additionally, students were provided with a Walk to School Charm as they arrive to school as part of this initiative and received an extra special breakfast from OMSD's Food and Nutrition Services."

Superintendent Dr. Hammond shared "The Berlyn students and staff have worked hard at implementing healthy practices into their campus life and I thank our staff from the school site and from our Food & Nutrition Services for prioritizing health and wellness of our students. I believe that the health and wellness of our students helps to support their academic, social success and their overall well-being".

Learn more about this award by visiting HealthierGeneration.org/HealthiestSchools.

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