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Dear Ontario-Montclair School District Families, Students, Staff, and Community,

We're excited to begin the 2025–2026 academic year with your child on Wednesday, August 6, 2025. The Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) will continue to prioritize student success by fostering safe, inclusive, and respectful schools where high-quality learning thrives. I want to give a heartfelt thank you to our teachers, classified support staff, and administrators for their dedication and hard work in preparing for the year ahead.

Attending school every day is crucial for your child's success. Consistent attendance provides the foundation for academic achievement, fosters social-emotional development, and ensures students benefit from the full spectrum of educational opportunities we offer. OMSD is here to support our families and students through our school support teams and District resources.

We understand that the current political and immigration landscape may bring uncertainty and concern to some members of our OMSD community. Please be reassured that our schools remain places of learning, support, and safety for every student. Compassion, inclusivity, and respect are at the heart of everything we do. We remain steadfast in our commitment to fostering a sense of belonging for all students, while enforcing the protection, safety, and privacy of our students and families, regardless of background or circumstance. As affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in *Plyler v. Doe* and reinforced by Assembly Bill 699, all children have the right to a free public education regardless of immigration status, and OMSD does not collect information regarding the immigration status of families or social security numbers. OMSD has not, and will not, participate in any federal immigration investigations on our campuses and will continue to uphold our commitment to protecting the privacy and safety of all students and families.

As we kick off this new school year, OMSD sends a sincere appreciation to both the Ontario Police Department (OPD) and the Montclair Police Department (MPD). As has been our practice over the years, their officers plan to be present at all our schools during the first few days of school to help promote a safe flow of traffic at our sites, proper usage of our crosswalks, and smooth drop-offs and pick-ups for families and students. Their partnership helps us ensure a safe and organized start to the school year for everyone. As a reminder, it is against state law and departmental policy for both OPD and MPD to collaborate with any federal authority as it pertains to immigration enforcement.

“Our Community, Our Children, Our Commitment, Our Future”

Welcome Back to School Message

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The District has many programs and procedures in place to promote safety. One important area of safety includes being safe when arriving at school and leaving school for home. Click to read [“OMSD Steps to School Safety.”](#) This document contains important information and tips for traveling safely to and from school.

Parents and guardians, please take time to practice travel routes to school, allow ample time to drop off your children in the morning, review safety rules with your children, and also advise students to walk or ride to school in pairs or groups for added safety.

Thank you for being part of the OMSD family. We believe that every child deserves a safe and nurturing space to learn and grow.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hammond'.

James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.

Ontario-Montclair School District Superintendent