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Dear Educational Partners,

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Cabinet and myself, to express our deepest gratitude to our students, families, staff, and community members—for the unwavering dedication you bring to our shared mission of providing a *world-class* education to all students in safe, respectful, culturally responsive and welcoming environments that value and empower our Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD) family.

This season of thankfulness offers us a chance to reflect on the values that unite us: compassion, resilience, and our collective commitment to the success of every student in OMSD. Regardless of the dynamics and changes that are on the horizon, it is more important than ever to remember, we can always find strength in supporting each other. By working together with mutual respect and understanding, even when we disagree, we model for our students the power of kindness and collaboration in building a brighter future.

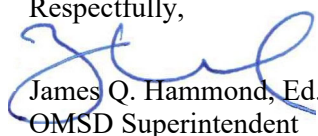
I would like to take a moment to offer special recognition to our incredible educators—both Classified and Certificated—whose hard work, long hours, and unwavering passion to prepare our future leaders and nurture our community to thrive. Your dedication to ensuring every student feels valued, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential does not go unnoticed. You are the heart of our District, and we are endlessly grateful for the countless ways you enrich the lives of our students and families.

Additionally, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our community partners. Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration. Your partnerships are vital to the success of our schools, programs and services. Your contributions create opportunities that build a foundation for our students to attain their goals and achieve their dreams.

Finally, to our OMSD parents/guardians and families, you play an irreplaceable role in shaping their values, aspirations, and resilience. Your unwavering commitment to their success, both inside and outside the classroom, inspires us daily. Together, we are cultivating an exciting pathway that is bright, inclusive, and full of promise.

During this Thanksgiving break, I hope you find time to relax, reconnect with loved ones, and recharge. Let us use this pause to reaffirm our shared goals and common values. It is my hope that we return with a renewed energy to continue the important work we do together.

Respectfully,



James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.
OMSD Superintendent

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