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Dear Families,

This week, many schools in the District are participating in Pink Shirt Day. It began more than a decade ago as an awareness campaign about homophobic bullying. We want to take this opportunity to share with you, on behalf of the Board of Education and senior staff, what kind of community and culture we work to create.

Pink Shirt Day reminds students they can be who they are, encourage others to do the same, and stand up to name-calling, bullying or discrimination. It's also an important opportunity to spark additional conversation about lifting each other up – something that has perhaps become even more vital as the pandemic has gone on. Many of our schools are focused this week on activities that celebrate kindness. When students feel welcome, supported, respected and safe, they are more engaged in learning.

Each and every student and staff member are valued and respected members of our community. We continue to encourage the ideals of diversity and inclusion through policies that are guided by the District Code of Conduct. There are also initiatives and activities