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Sierra Sands Unified School District Board Adopts Community Social Contract, Invites Community to Join in Commitment to Civility and Respect

Ridgecrest, CA – The Sierra Sands Unified School District (SSUSD) Board of Education formally adopted the **SSUSD Community Social Contract** at its February 19, 2026, Board meeting, approving **Resolution #21-2526** and inviting students, staff, families, and community members to join in a shared commitment to civility, respect, and connection.

The **SSUSD Community Social Contract** outlines expectations for how members of the SSUSD community should expect to be treated by SSUSD staff and invites the community to join in embracing this agreement. The **SSUSD Community Social Contract** emphasizes dignity, active listening, respectful communication, and addressing concerns through appropriate and constructive channels. At the conclusion of the presentation, Board members and attendees marked the occasion by signing a banner of the Social Contract, symbolizing their collective commitment to these principles.

“The SSUSD Community Social Contract represents a shared promise about how we show up for one another,” said SSUSD Superintendent, Dr. April Moore. “It affirms our belief that strong relationships, respectful dialogue, and thoughtful problem-solving are essential to student success, staff well-being, and public trust.”

Developed collaboratively with input from staff and community members, the **SSUSD Community Social Contract** reflects SSUSD’s ongoing efforts to foster positive school and community climates. It aligns with the District’s continued implementation of **Capturing Kids’ Hearts**, which emphasizes relationship-building, trust, and respectful interactions and is modeled daily in classrooms, schools, district offices, and Board meetings.

By adopting the **SSUSD Community Social Contract**, the Board reinforces districtwide and communitywide expectations that adults and students alike contribute to a culture where every individual feels **valued, safe, respected, and connected**. The resolution encourages all members of the SSUSD community to endorse and model these commitments in schools, at district events, and in all district-related interactions—both in person and online.

The District will continue sharing and promoting the **SSUSD Community Social Contract** through multiple communication channels and integrating its principles into ongoing efforts to strengthen school climate and community engagement.

About the SSUSD Community Social Contract

The SSUSD Community Social Contract is a shared commitment that includes speaking respectfully—even when there is disagreement; listening without interruption; treating others with dignity, free from harassment or personal attacks; and addressing concerns through appropriate and constructive avenues. Together, these commitments support a positive, inclusive environment for learning and collaboration.

[Link to Resolution #21 2526](#)

[Link to Social Contract](#)

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