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Dear Parents of Livingston Public Schools,

It is with pride and excitement that I kick off and celebrate the activities, programs and initiatives that are occurring throughout our schools during the month of October! Our School Counselors and Student Assistance Counselors, alongside Principals, Supervisors and Teachers, have worked to provide a vast array of learning opportunities for all students. Livingston Public Schools has joined districts statewide to honor *The Week of Respect* and *School Violence Awareness Week* to highlight and celebrate acceptance, inclusivity, tolerance and kindness to foster a positive and safe school climate. Additionally, Livingston Public Schools is proud to recognize *National Red Ribbon Week* and support students in their pledge to be drug free. Throughout the month, community liaison officers from the Livingston Police Department will also join in activities and lessons to foster student awareness about cyber-bullying, Internet safety, and code of conduct, as well as sensitivity and respect for our differences. These initiatives align directly with our District goals of enhancing our work in social and emotional learning as well as in equity, inclusion and anti-racism in all aspects of students' experiences in school.

Please visit our new Livingston Public Schools' <u>Month of Awareness website</u> to learn more about these various programs across our schools! These themes will be carried out through the school year as they relate to our District goals of promoting social and emotional learning as well as engaging in equity, inclusion and anti-racism.

We encourage you to have conversations with your child during the month, and throughout the year, in relation to these important initiatives across all schools as they relate to our work in supporting equity and inclusion as well as students' social and emotional learning.

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