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Today is International Holocaust Remembrance Day, an annual event that is observed in memory and to honor the victims of one of history's most horrific atrocities.

In 2005, the United Nations, by resolution, established January 27 as International Holocaust Remembrance Day, a day to reflect upon the darkest moments of human history, pay tribute to the millions of innocent lives lost, and reaffirm our commitment to fostering a just and inclusive society. Today, at museums and special events established for this day, the six million Jewish women, men and children who lost their lives will be remembered by having their names read, candles lit and meaningful discussions and teachings shared.

In our district, we offer our students a comprehensive education that includes important lessons from and about the Holocaust. The Holocaust remains a stark reminder of the devastating consequences of hate, discrimination, and indifference – lessons that we can never afford to forget.

It is vital that the lessons of the Holocaust do not fade with time. At home and across the world, we face numerous challenges that remind us of the importance of unity, compassion and collective action. I urge each member of our community to take a moment today to honor the victims, survivors, and heroes of the Holocaust. Engage in thoughtful reflection about the implications of unchecked hatred and intolerance and reaffirm our commitment to fostering a compassionate and inclusive society. Together, we can stand united against all forms of discrimination and persecution, ensuring that our community remains a safe haven for all.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to each member of our community, including parents, guardians, educators, and students, for their commitment to promoting cultural understanding, empathy, and acceptance. By working together, we are creating a climate that promotes tolerance, kindness, and respect for all individuals, regardless of their background or beliefs. Together, we can make a difference and build a future where acceptance and compassion reign supreme.

