



The Spreading Kindness Campaign invites your school to participate in the 2019-20 **Everyone Belongs** School Kindness Project.

The purpose of the project is to encourage and help schools initiate and/or maintain kindness activities that convey inclusiveness to students who may experience challenges to feeling welcome at school. These may be students of color, of poverty, with disability, LGBTQ, or non-English speakers. An example of such a project is a middle-school club in which eighth graders mentor sixth graders during their first year in middle school with special attention to students who may feel excluded. Many examples of kindness projects can be found at joinskc.org/kindness-in-organizations/school-kindness-challenge/

Everyone Belongs activities can involve a few classrooms, an entire grade level, or the whole school. A wide range of projects will be acceptable including kindness clubs and kindness celebrations that acknowledge academic success as well as student music, art, poetry, spoken word, skits, photography or film projects with a kindness theme. Follow this link sjcoe.org/selparesources/tiers/Positive_Greetings_at_the_Door_script.doc.pdf to learn of a simple greeting protocol that has been proven effective for helping students feel welcome. For more kindness project ideas, visit joinskc.org/kindness-in-organizations/schools/

The **Everyone Belongs** School Kindness Project opportunities and timeline:

Mini-grants. Schools with high needs may apply for a mini-grant to plan and carry out an **Everyone Belongs** kindness project. The goal of all projects will be to enhance inclusivity. Two levels of financial support are available. One level is a payment of up to \$100 to support a kindness project involving school personnel and students. A second level is a payment of up to \$200 for a project that includes families and/or PTO or PTA as well as school personnel and students.

Schools may apply for these mini-grants by filling out and submitting the **MINI- GRANT APPLICATION**. Deadline for fall distribution is **November 13 (World Kindness Day)**. Deadline for spring distribution is **February 21 (following National Random Acts of Kindness Day)**. Upon completion of the activity, the **Final Report** will be required. Both documents are attached.

Spring of 2020

Lottery-based cash award. Any kindness project designed to increase the sense of connection for students who may not feel they belong at school will be eligible for this lottery. The project/activity may be conducted at any time during the school year. In the spring, all schools that submit the attached **FINAL REPORT** describing the kindness project/activity will be entered into the lottery. The winner will be randomly selected from all the schools that submit acceptable reports. All schools that participate in this way will receive recognition posters that can be displayed in the school or some other form of acknowledgement. If the school so desires, the reports will be made available to the public on the SpreadingKindnessCampaign.org website and the list of schools will be sent to the superintendent.

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