



Chapter 16: *A Time to Heal Through Acts of Kindness*

As our hearts and minds remain focused on the tragedy in Florida, community groups across the nation are organizing to advocate around gun control and school safety. These are undoubtedly important discussions to have, and L.A. Unified will continue to embrace civic engagement while prioritizing student safety.

I am hopeful that the collective energy that is being mobilized will ultimately be harnessed into a force of love that brings the nation closer together. Beyond the constructive conversations happening today, our nation needs healing, solidarity, and peace to move us assuredly toward a brighter tomorrow.

In solidarity with the grieving Parkland community, and in honor of the individuals who tragically lost their lives, a districtwide campaign is being initiated to promote **17 Acts of Kindness** for the month of March.

All employees and students are encouraged to show kindness by performing 17 simple expressions of love, appreciation, and concern for others. Undoubtedly, the possibilities are endless. Flyers have been created to help school communities [generate ideas for safe and peaceful engagement](#) in the current national dialogue, and to [spread the word](#) about our districtwide **17 Acts of Kindness** campaign.

We recognize that there is still a long road ahead to address concerns around gun violence and community safety. Yet, we all have the power to make a difference by engaging productively in these discussions and by sharing kindness with others. Individually, our actions can change a life; collectively, we can change the world.

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