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**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Director of Marketing, Communications, and Public Relations  
**DATE:** March 20, 2025  
**RE:** Board Salute

**Salute to** Indian Knoll Elementary School students:

- Sophia Valdez
- Isabel Recendez
- Alexander Perez
- Oscar Sarmiento
- Mario Magana
- Sophia Rivas
- Ailyne Pompas

**Submitted by:** Kerry Duffey, Indian Knoll Elementary School

Dear school board members, I would like to recognize a small group of students at Indian Knoll for continually fostering an inclusive environment. This group of students consistently demonstrates a deep sense of empathy, particularly towards students who may be different from them. For example, these students take the initiative daily to sit with friends from our self-contained classrooms during lunch, ensuring that everyone feels included and valued. Additionally, they walk these peers back to class following lunch or specials and assist these same students by modeling good behavior and self-regulation strategies. Their patience and understanding help create a safe space for everyone to thrive academically and socially. The behavior they model daily is cultivating a community where kindness and inclusion are valued.