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## Compass Charter Schools (CCS) Announces Participation in The Great Kindness Challenge

**THOUSAND OAKS** — Compass Charter Schools (CCS) announced today that it will again participate in The Great Kindness Challenge next week, January 22-26 to promote a positive, kind, and unified school environment.

CCS is a virtual independent study charter school serving grades TK-12 with a scholar enrollment of over 1,000. In 2012, CCS began with a small team of educators in Southern California committed to providing a safe, family-centered alternative to the traditional brick and mortar school for scholars throughout the state. While CCS has evolved over the years, the desire to provide excellent educational options has remained strong with our online and homeschool programs. Over the past five years, we have educated the highly gifted, the bullied, the athlete, the actor, the academically-challenged, the chronically ill, and many other scholars who sought a personalized educational experience outside traditional classroom walls.

"CCS is dedicated to continuing to provide scholars with a safe, positive, and kind learning environment," said J.J. Lewis, CCS President & CEO. "We strongly believe that scholars are better able to learn and succeed when they receive positive encouragement from their peers, teachers and school staff. We are committed to being a Certified Kindness School and encouraging kindness, positivity, and unity throughout the Compass community.."

Started in 2011, The Great Kindness Challenge is a proactive and positive kindness initiative that improves school climate and increases scholar engagement. The Great Kindness Challenge is one week devoted to performing as many acts of kindness as possible at school and at home. It's a grassroots movement that encourages scholars, teachers and school staff to work together to help make our schools, communities, and world a more kind place. It offers an innovative and successful approach to encouraging kindness, positivity, and unity in school communities.

During The Great Kindness Challenge, schools across America commit to creating a culture of kindness in their schools. Scholars are invited to download the free checklist provided by The Great Kindness Challenge with 50 different kind acts to complete throughout the week. Those who accept the challenge will show the world that kindness matters.

The Great Kindness Challenge is proudly presented by Kids for Peace, a global 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information about The Great Kindness Challenge, visit <u>https://thegreatkindnesschallenge.com/</u>, via Twitter (<u>https://twitter.com/kidsforpeace</u>), or on Facebook (<u>https://www.facebook.com/thegreatkindnesschallenge/</u>).

## About Compass Charter Schools

Compass Charter Schools (CCS) is a WASC-accredited virtual public charter school serving thousands of scholars throughout the state. Catering to TK-12 grade scholars, CCS offers the choice of either their homeschool or online academic program. CCS is committed to creating a collaborative virtual learning community, inspiring scholars to appreciate the ways in which arts and sciences nurture a curiosity for lifelong learning, and preparing scholars to take responsibility for their future successes.

For more information about CCS, visit <u>www.compasscharters.org</u>, via Twitter (<u>https://twitter.com/CompassCs</u>), on Facebook (<u>https://www.facebook.com/CompassCS</u>) or on Instagram (<u>https://www.instagram.com/compasscs/</u>).