

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

A Proclamation

Whereas American Education Week began in 1921 as a week “observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs”; and

Whereas the demands on public schools have increased over the years as communities, business and industry, and higher education expect our students to graduate with the knowledge, skills, and habits to be college and career ready; and

Whereas meeting those demands begins with our public school teachers, who devote their lives to their students; teaching them content knowledge woven with opportunities to develop the skills and habits that allow them to succeed, including being able to think creatively and critically, collaborate, communicate, accept responsibility; and persevere when faced with the inevitable challenges in life; and

Whereas public schools are more successful when parents and family members feel welcome at school, are active partners in their children’s education, and join with teachers, administrators, educational support personnel, and other school staff members on working toward student success and advocating for the needs of public schools; and

Whereas public education requires support and investment by our communities and elected leaders at the local and state level to provide adequate funding that ensures strong educational outcomes for all students;

Therefore, be it resolved that the week of November 14-18, 2016, be declared American Education Week, a time to support public education and honor the individuals who are working in our schools to ensure every child graduates college and career ready.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility

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