

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that what is best for kids is what's best for the state, which means ensuring that every kid in Wisconsin has access to a high-quality public education, regardless of their ZIP code; and

WHEREAS; public education is a right in Wisconsin under Article X, Section 3 of the Wisconsin Constitution, and the need for a strong, supported, and successful public education system should be a priority for all Wisconsinites and a nonpartisan issue; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's public education system deserves and requires the support and investment of elected officials at every level of government to meet the needs of all students, both in and outside of the classroom, and foster strong educational outcomes for every kid; and

WHEREAS; in continuing with the spirit of 2025 the Year of the Kid, Public Schools Week is a time to celebrate public schools in Wisconsin and across the country, honor the dedicated professionals who work in public schools, and promote the value and importance of investing in public education at every level for all people and the betterment of the state and society; and

WHEREAS; public schools are at the heart of every community, helping to keep democracy and civil society alive, inspiring future leaders, and creating safe, welcoming, and supportive spaces for kids and families from all backgrounds and every walk of life; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in honoring public schools and the vital role they play in the state, celebrating the success and achievements of students, educators, staff, and administrators in public schools across the state, and thanking all those in public education for their dedicated service to kids and for their boundless efforts to ensure every kid can be their best and fullest selves both in and out of the classroom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 23 through 27 2026 as

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

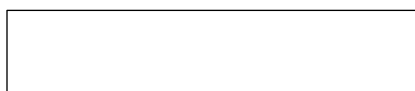
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 30th day of January 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State