

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

WHEREAS; recognized annually, We Love Our Public Schools Week is a time to celebrate our public schools, honor those who work in our public schools, and promote the principle that public education is a pillar of our democracy and vital for our future; and

WHEREAS; the heart of many Wisconsin communities is their public school district, as public schools keep American democracy and civil society alive by educating our kids, inspiring our future leaders, and laying the foundation for good citizenship; and

WHEREAS; delineated as a state right in Wisconsin under Article X, Section 3 of our state's constitution, our public education system requires the support and investment of our state and local elected officials to provide adequate funding and foster strong educational outcomes for all of Wisconsin's students, and the need for quality public education is a nonpartisan issue; and

WHEREAS; in the face of the unprecedented challenges of the past year, we have seen our public schools step up to provide safe environments for all students and educators, and to meet their needs inside and outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS; over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, when physical access to school buildings has been limited, our public schools and educators have gone above and beyond, just as they always do, to ensure that all students have access to nutritious food, learning devices, internet access, and the tools they need to be successful, all of which are crucial to their ability to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in honoring and celebrating the success and achievements of students and educators in public schools across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 21 through 27, 2021, as

WE LOVE OUR 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 10th day of February 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State