

WHEREAS; 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; there are nearly 830,000 students currently enrolled in public schools across Wisconsin, and more than 110,000 teachers, staff, and administrators who dedicate themselves to making a difference in the lives of these students each and every day; and

WHEREAS; even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has seen many students and educators move their classrooms to remote and hybrid settings, educators across Wisconsin have gone above and beyond to adapt and to do everything they can to continue connecting with their students and their families during these difficult times; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's educators make learning possible by fostering positive, supportive, and inclusive environments where students of all ages, backgrounds, identities, and abilities can reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS; while our students study math, science, social studies, and language arts, our state's educators make sure that they are also learning kindness, respect, empathy, compassion, integrity, and civility; and

WHEREAS; our educators work tirelessly to open students' minds to new ideas, encourage them to think critically, inspire them to dream big, and teach them to be good people and good Wisconsinites; and

WHEREAS; among numerous provisions that support our educators and students, the Badger Bounceback 2021-23 budget proposal restores our state's commitment to two-thirds funding for our public schools, includes substantial investments in mental health services for kids, fully funds sparsity aid for our most rural school districts, and provides an additional \$709 million for special education services for our students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to fighting for meaningful investments in our kids, our educators, and our schools, and joins all Wisconsinites in thanking our educators for the essential work they have done throughout this pandemic and continue to do to support students across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 3 through 7, 2021, as

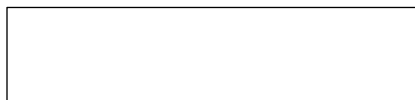
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

and May 4, 2021, as

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY


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 28th day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State