

WHEREAS; in September 2020, approximately 854,959 public school students, 62,104 teachers, and an additional 47,360 full-time staff are scheduled to return to learning for elementary, middle, and high schools throughout Wisconsin, whether it be for in-person, virtual, or mixed instruction; and

WHEREAS; likewise, more than 500,000 students will begin a new academic year through one of the 65 colleges and universities throughout our state that comprise the Wisconsin Technical College System, the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and the University of Wisconsin System; and

WHEREAS; it has become clear that this fall will be unlike any other, but education – no matter how it is delivered – provides opportunity, support, and resources to hundreds of thousands of students throughout our state, planting seeds of imagination, inspiration, and hope for countless kids and young adults; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin recognizes that what is best for our kids is what is best for our state, and that access to education serves as one of the clearest indicators of general quality of life and social attitudes, as well as being highly correlated with factors like employment status, income bracket, positive attitudes, and overall well-being; and

WHEREAS; our kids benefit from educators who feel inspired and empowered to provide engaged learning that motivates all students to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS; we commend the resourcefulness and resilience of all students, families, and educators who have adapted under the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic in the spring, and who remain committed to facilitating learning environments that are as safe as possible as we move into this new academic year; and


WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all students, families, and educators in reaffirming our commitment to ensuring a quality education is accessible to every child throughout our state, no matter their background, income level, housing status, or ZIP code;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2020 as

BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH

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 1st day of September 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State