

Proclamation

BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Week of the Young Child

April 6-12, 2024

WHEREAS: Children's earliest years are vitally important in shaping their

> learning and development, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has designated April 6-12

the Week of the Young Child; and

WHEREAS: We must focus public attention on the needs of young children and

their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and

services that meet those needs; and

WHEREAS: The early childhood years, from birth to age eight, lay the

foundation for a child's later success in their academic and social

life; and

WHEREAS: Children who attend high-quality early childhood programs are

more likely to graduate from high school and better equipped to

live healthy and impactful lives and earn higher wages; and

WHEREAS: We acknowledge our responsibilities to ensure every child

> experiences the type of early environment—at home, at childcare, at school, and in the community—that will promote their early

learning.

THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare

April 6 - 12, 2024, as the Week of the Young Child throughout the

state of Wisconsin.

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