

STATE *of* WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Proclamation

Whereas, American Education Week was first recognized in 1921 as part of an effort by the National Education Association and the American Legion to raise America's literacy rate after World War I; and

Whereas, American Education Week is observed annually to raise awareness of the importance of education and highlight the accomplishments, while expressing the needs of public schools; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic has challenged and increased demand on public schools to ensure students graduate with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to succeed, requiring support and investment of communities and elected leaders at the local, state, and federal level; and

Whereas, despite facing unprecedented circumstances and unique learning environments, our public school teachers remain dedicated to forming meaningful relationships with students and teaching content knowledge woven with opportunities to think creatively and critically, to collaborate, to communicate, to accept responsibility, and to persevere when faced with the inevitable challenges in life; and

Whereas, public schools are more successful when parents and family members feel welcome at school, are active partners in their children's education, and join with teachers, administrators, educational support personnel, and other school staff members on working toward student success while advocating for the needs of public schools;

Therefore, be it resolved that, I, Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare the week of November 16-20, 2020, American Education Week, a time to support public education and honor the individuals who work in our schools to ensure every child graduates ready for college and career.

American Education Week

November 16-20, 2020

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn S. Taylor".

Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent