

Proclamation

BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Career and Technical Education Month 2024

WHEREAS: The Association for Career and Technical Education has designated

February 2024 as Career and Technical Education Month; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education increases graduation rates and

improves academic performance through meaningful experiences, thus engaging students, improving the quality of their education, preparing them for careers and postsecondary education, and giving students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their

communities; and

WHEREAS: Career and technical education programs provide students with

school-to-career connections, foster productivity, innovation, and entrepreneurship, and are the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce in business and industry, which contributes to America's

leadership in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS: Profound economic and technological changes in our society are

rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational

system; and

WHEREAS: The ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical

educators with business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local and national economy by preparing graduates

for career fields experiencing significant growth.

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

do hereby proclaim in the state of Wisconsin,

Career and Technical Education Month February 1-29, 2024

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