



Proclamation

BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

National Autism Acceptance Month

- WHEREAS: Autism is a developmental disability that is usually evident before the age of three and can lead to differences in how people interact with others, communicate, demonstrate flexibility in thoughts and actions, and learn; and
- WHEREAS: Autism is considered a spectrum as it presents differently in everyone, and individuals with autism may have particular strengths in one area and particular barriers or high support needs in another; and
- WHEREAS: Autism occurs across all socioeconomic, ethnic, cultural and geographic groups, and according to 2020 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, autism spectrum disorder impacts as many as one in 36 kids in the United States, as well as an estimated one in 36 eight year olds in Wisconsin and one in 44 four year olds in Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS: Schools, educators, and families across Wisconsin strive to provide services and supports to ensure that all students with autism can fully participate and thrive in their education and beyond; and
- WHEREAS: Educators, families, and community organizations recognize the essential need for collaboration in expanding awareness and improving supports and services for students with autism; and
- WHEREAS: This week, the State of Wisconsin joins students, families, and school district staff in celebrating the unique and positive identity of students with autism.
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare

April 1-30, 2025, as
Autism Acceptance Month
and April 2, 2025, as
World Autism Awareness Day.




Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

