



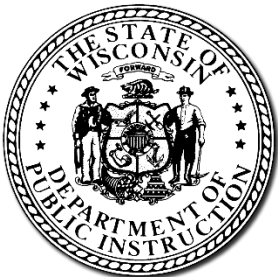
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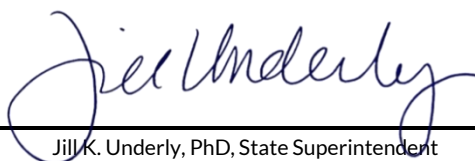
BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month

- WHEREAS: Our local, state, national, and global communities are linguistically and culturally diverse; and
- WHEREAS: Over 160 languages are spoken by Wisconsin public school students and their families, including Spanish, Hmong, Arabic, Chinese, and Ojibwe; and
- WHEREAS: Multilingualism is an asset that benefits students' cognitive, academic, social, and career development; and
- WHEREAS: Knowing how to interact effectively and respectfully with people across languages and cultures increases our students' opportunities for success in an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world; and
- WHEREAS: All students, including English Learners, heritage and indigenous language speakers, and world language learners, deserve access to educational experiences that honor, build on, and expand their linguistic and intercultural skills; and
- WHEREAS: The parents and guardians of bilingual/multilingual learners are essential partners for schools to engage in support of their students' educational journeys;
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare April Bilingual/Multilingual Learner Advocacy Month in the state of Wisconsin.

Proclaimed the month of April 1-30, 2025





Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

