

## Proclamation

## BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

## **Summer Meals Week**

WHEREAS: Food insecurity among children increases during the summer

months as families struggle to make up for lost school meals; and

WHEREAS: Summer meal programs, like the Sumer Food Service Program

(SFSP) administered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Community Nutrition Team, help ensure our children receive regular and adequate nutrition all year long by providing nutritious food for kids and families struggling with food insecurity,

at no cost; and

WHEREAS: SFSP sponsors can increase participation in summer meals by

sourcing local food items, thereby improving the quality and appeal of meals and keeping kids engaged through fun, hands-on activities;

and

WHEREAS: The summer months provide a unique opportunity for schools to

integrate locally sourced foods and test new recipes, and regional producers benefit from a reliable outlet for their products during

these months: and

WHEREAS: Wisconsin is committed to ensuring that no child goes hungry this

summer and receives high quality and nutritious summer meals;

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

the week of June 19 - 23, 2023, as Summer Meals Week.

Proclaimed the week of June 19 - 23, 2023



Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

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