



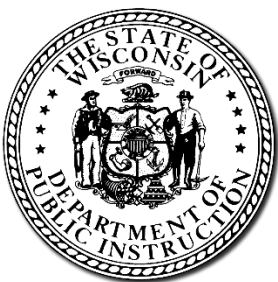
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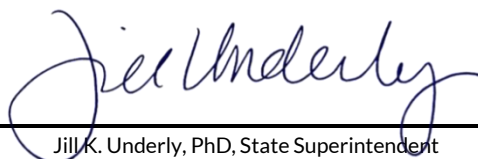
BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Homelessness Awareness Month

- WHEREAS: During the 2023-24 school year school districts across Wisconsin identified 20,329 students as experiencing homelessness, an increase of over 1,800 students compared to the 2022-23 school year; and
- WHEREAS: Students experiencing homelessness include students doubled up, in shelters, unsheltered, and in hotels and motels; and
- WHEREAS: Students and families experiencing homelessness face complex and systemic challenges, including everything from barriers within their educational experiences to basic needs in a safe and stable home; and
- WHEREAS: School districts are required to ensure all children and youth experiencing homelessness receive access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youth; and
- WHEREAS: Every student deserves the educational resources and rigor at the time they need to achieve their success, and to ensure our students' success is the key to ensuring Wisconsin's future success.
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare November 2024 as Homelessness Awareness Month, and I call upon the students, educators, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Wisconsin to commit to increased action to build, fund, and maintain appropriate and sustainable support for the current and future success of students and families experiencing homelessness.

Proclaimed the month of November 2024





Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

