

CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

February 22 – February 26, 2021

as
PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

WHEREAS, public education is the foundation of an educated and informed citizenry in a 21st century democracy, with 90 percent of American children attending public schools; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan's public schools provide every child from every community the opportunity to learn, grow, and excel, so they can contribute to the society, economy, and communities of our state and nation in positive ways; and,

WHEREAS, local, state, and federal lawmakers should support such necessities as counseling, mental health resources, and extracurricular activities, which are critical to help students engage in learning and improve the health, safety, and wellness of all learners; and,

WHEREAS, inclusive, safe, and high-quality public schools are where children learn to think critically and build relationships; and,

WHEREAS, public schools should provide an environment where all students can succeed beginning in their earliest years and reach their full potential, regardless of who they are or where they live; and,

WHEREAS, efforts should be supported to advance quality and excellence in public education and to implement continuous improvement and evidence-based practices; and,

WHEREAS, stable, equitable, predictable, and adequate funding for all public schools is necessary to ensure students have up-to-date resources staffed with well-prepared and supported educators; and,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has posed new challenges in education, and public schools across our state have worked to implement innovative solutions to ensure our students have the resources and support they need to learn and engage with their teachers and peers both on digital platforms and in the classroom; and,

WHEREAS, during this week, we should recognize and show our gratitude for our state's educators who shape the students of today into the leaders of tomorrow and reaffirm our commitment to supporting high-quality education that meets the needs of all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim February 22-26, 2021, as Public Schools Week in Michigan.

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor