

STATE *of* WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

# *Proclamation*

*Whereas*, American Education Week was first recognized in 1921 as part of an effort by the National Education Association and the American Legion to raise America's literacy rate following World War I; and

*Whereas*, American Education Week is observed annually to celebrate those who work in education and shape the lives of youth, raise awareness of the value of education and its impact on society, and highlight the growing needs of public schools; and

*Whereas*, the COVID-19 pandemic has brought new and continued challenges schools must navigate, in addition to an increased demand on educators to ensure the individual needs of students continue to be met, which requires the support and investment by communities and elected leaders at the local, state, and federal level; and

*Whereas*, public schools are more successful when parents, families, and communities support the role of schools, are active partners in their children's education, and join with teachers, administrators, educational support personnel, and other school staff members on working toward student success while advocating for the needs of public schools;

*Therefore*, be it resolved that, I, Dr. Jill Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare the week of November 15-19, 2021, American Education Week, a time to support public education and honor those in our schools who have dedicated their lives to ensuring students are set up for success.

## **American Education Week**

*November 15-19, 2021*



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Underly".

Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent