



# Proclamation

BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

## Gifted Education Month

- WHEREAS: We are all responsible for the future we collectively create; all students with intellectual, academic, creative, leadership, and artistic gifts and talents must be appropriately identified, instructed, and supported, so they too, can help co-create novel approaches and systems that help create a better Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS: Just as giftedness comes in a variety of domains, it has no limits related to age; race, ethnicity, or national origin; economic status; sex, gender identity, or gender expression; sexual orientation; religion; multilingualism; or ability; and
- WHEREAS: Collaboration between students, families, school district staff, organizations, community members, and nations serves as the critical foundation for supporting and engaging every learner as high-ability/high-potential; and
- WHEREAS: The Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted (WATG) celebrates their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, after then DPI State Superintendent William Kahl appointed a gifted/talented education advisory committee which eventually led to what is now known as WATG; and
- WHEREAS: The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction joins the leadership of the Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted, Badger Precollege, the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators, the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators, the Wisconsin Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the Cooperative Educational Service Agencies as we work together to support Wisconsin's children with gifts and talents;
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare the month of October as Gifted Education Month in the state of Wisconsin.

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Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

