



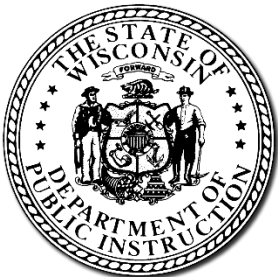
# Proclamation

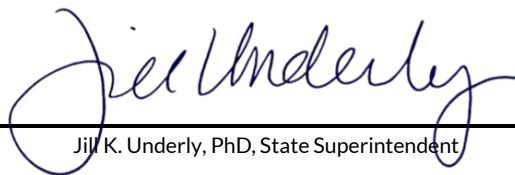
BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

## Homeless Awareness Month

- WHEREAS: In the 2022-23 school year, 18,455 students were identified as experiencing homelessness in school districts across Wisconsin; 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 found in a safe and stable living environment; and
- WHEREAS: Wisconsin 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 they need to achieve their success, and ensuring our students' success is the key to ensuring Wisconsin's future success,
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare November 2023 as Homeless 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 week of November 1, 2023**



  
Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

