

Proclamation

WHEREAS, educators play an integral in the education and growth of students in Unit 5; and

WHEREAS, educators work to open students' minds to ideas, knowledge and dreams; and

WHEREAS, educators fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators and mentors; and

WHEREAS, educators put in countless hours and extra effort to help students achieve, preparing them for further education, the workforce, and their civic duties; and

WHEREAS, educators should be accorded high public esteem, reflecting the value the community places on education; and

WHEREAS, educators continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that educators be recognized for this dedication and commitment to their students; and

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Education proclaims May 4-8, 2026 as Educator Appreciation Week for McLean County Unit District No. 5 Schools and we urge all citizens to pay tribute to our educators, personally expressing appreciation for dedication and devotion to their work, even though we cannot physically be together at this time.