

# STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, school principals play an integral role in the education and growth of children in elementary, middle, and secondary schools across the state of Illinois; and,*

*WHEREAS, school principals are responsible for promoting education and building relationships with teachers and parents to ensure that each child receives equitable educational opportunities and services to reach their potential; and,*

*WHEREAS, a primary responsibility of the state of Illinois is to preserve and improve resources for schools so that all students have access to quality education and foundation for a successful future; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Principals Association, which represents over 6,000 educational leaders statewide, believes that learning is a lifelong process and that the education of our children is the highest priority; and,*

*WHEREAS, school leaders face many obstacles in supporting and educating our young people, and through their perseverance, devotion, and passionate leadership that Illinois continues to produce quality, career-ready students; and,*

*WHEREAS, school principals have continued to face unprecedented challenges since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and have worked tirelessly to provide mental health, social-emotional support, and uninterrupted learning to the members of their schools since 2020; and,*

*WHEREAS, we must continue to encourage, support, and recognize our school principals who have a positive impact on Illinois students and the educational system in the Land of Lincoln;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 16 - 22, 2022, as Principals Week and Friday, October 21, 2022, as Principals Day in Illinois.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,*  
this SIXTEENTH day of AUGUST, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
TWENTY-TWO, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundred and FOURTH.



*Deese Whitt*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR