

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

October 2020
as
PRINCIPALS MONTH

WHEREAS, energetic and inspiring school leadership is essential to Michigan's schools in order to prepare students for success, both during their K-12 careers and beyond; and,

WHEREAS, principals serve as educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, community builders, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives, and also are entrusted with the educational development of young people; and,

WHEREAS, principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers and parents to develop and implement a clear mission, high curriculum standards, and performance goals; and,

WHEREAS, principals play a vital role in the success of students by creating school environments that facilitate great teaching and learning, as well as continuous school improvement; and,

WHEREAS, much of the success of K-12 students can be attributed to principals who act as the liaison between the school and the community it serves, ensuring that parents and the community are aware of student and school achievements; and,

WHEREAS, in the face of the ongoing challenges posed by the current COVID-19 pandemic, the role of the principal is more important than ever as teachers, students, and community members rely on principals for leadership and support; and,

WHEREAS, the celebration of Principals Month honors elementary, middle, and high school principals and recognizes the importance of school leadership in ensuring every child has access to a high-quality education; and,

WHEREAS, during this month, we join educators, parents, and students throughout Michigan to raise awareness of the importance of educational leadership and also recognize and thank the hard-working principals in Michigan schools who set exemplary standards of service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as Principals Month in Michigan.

A blue ink signature of Gretchen Whitmer.

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

