

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 \_\_\_\_\_\_, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and of the State of Illinois,

two hundred and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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