

# 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 parents and teachers to ensure that each child receives services that meet their needs to excel in the classroom; and,*

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

*WHEREAS, the Illinois Principals Association, which represents over 5,800 educational leaders statewide, believes that learning is a lifelong process and that the education of our children is the highest priority; and,*

*WHEREAS, for that reason, the Illinois Principals Association is dedicated to developing, supporting, and advocating for innovative school leaders; and,*

*WHEREAS, educational leaders face many challenges in supporting and educating our young people and it is through their perseverance and passion that Illinois continues to produce quality, career-ready students; and,*

*WHEREAS, school principals and learning leaders have faced unprecedented challenges related to COVID-19 during the 2019-2020 school year and preparing to reopen schools for the 2020-2021 school year during a continuing pandemic; and,*

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

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of October 18-24, 2020 as Principals Week and Friday, October 23, 2020 as Principals Day in Illinois, to recognize principals and the Illinois Principals Association for all that they do to help our children learn and succeed.*

*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 TWENTY-SECOND day of SEPTEMBER, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
*TWENTY, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and SECOND.*



*Deese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR