

# 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 allow them 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 a foundation for a successful future; 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, 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, during the 2021-2022 school year, the Illinois Principals Association will celebrate 50 years dedicated to developing, supporting, and advocating for innovative school leaders; and,*

*WHEREAS, school principals and learning leaders have faced unprecedented challenges related to COVID-19 during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years, and worked tirelessly to provide uninterrupted learning during an ongoing 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;*

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of October 24-30, 2021, as **Principals Week** and Friday, October 29, 2021, as **Principals Day** in Illinois to recognize principals 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 FIFTEENTH day of SEPTEMBER, in*  
*the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and*  
*TWENTY-ONE, and of the State of Illinois,*  
*two hundred and THIRD.*



*Deese White*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR