

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, school principals play an integral role in nurturing a positive, student-centered culture in elementary, middle, and high schools across the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, school principals are responsible for attracting and retaining the best teachers and support staff to ensure that each child receives equitable educational opportunities and services to reach their potential; and,

WHEREAS, it is the primary responsibility of the State of Illinois to provide adequate and equitable 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 6,600 educational leaders statewide, believes that educators' experiences and voices are essential to crafting effective education policy; and,

WHEREAS, school leaders face many obstacles in supporting and educating our young people and it is through their perseverance, passion, and hope-filled leadership that Illinois continues to produce quality, career-ready students; 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 the week of October 20-26, 2024, as **Principals Week** and Friday, October 25, 2024, 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 NINTH *day of* SEPTEMBER, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-FOUR, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundred and FIFTH.

Alexi Giannoulis
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR