

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, the mission of Washington's public school system is to assure that all students achieve at high levels and possess the knowledge and skills to be responsible members of a democratic society who enjoy productive and satisfying lives; and

*WHEREAS*, Washington's 295 locally elected school boards and nine elected educational service district boards are the core of the public education governance system in our state; and

*WHEREAS*, the districts and regions they lead serve more than one million students, have a combined annual budget of over \$15 billion, and employ approximately 120,000 people; and

*WHEREAS*, school directors play a crucial role in promoting student learning and achievement by creating a vision, establishing policies and budgets, and setting clear standards of accountability for all involved; and

*WHEREAS*, school directors are directly accountable to the residents in their districts and regions, serving as a vital link between members of the community and their schools; and

*WHEREAS*, school directors and educational service districts provide a passionate voice of advocacy for public schools and the welfare of school children; and

*WHEREAS*, it is appropriate to recognize school directors as outstanding volunteers and champions for public education;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 2021 as

### *School Board Recognition Month*

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

