

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Washington Senate has declared the month of October 2023 as "National Principals Month" in coordination with the efforts of the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), working with the U.S. Congress, to designate "National Principals Month" and resolutions thereof; and

WHEREAS, principals and assistant principals play significant roles in our education system by creating hope for every student in their buildings; by leading culture, systems, and learning; and by working tirelessly each day as visionaries, assessment experts, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, principals and assistant principals work collaboratively with families, teachers, and district officials to develop mission statements, set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence, and maintain high curriculum standards and expectations for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP) honors such exemplary principals and assistant principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession; and

WHEREAS, to honor and recognize the contribution of all school principals and assistant principals to the success of each student in Washington schools, our most valuable resource, and to encourage residents of Washington to observe "Principals Month" with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of the importance of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

Principals Month

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

Signed this 12th day of September, 2023

Governor Jay Inslee

