

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, principals and assistant principals play significant roles in our education system by creating hope for the students in their buildings; leading culture, systems and learning; and working tirelessly each day as visionaries, 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, provide safe and caring learning environments, and maintain high curriculum standards and expectations for all students; and

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

WHEREAS, we honor and recognize the contribution of all school principals and assistant principals to the success of students, our most valuable resource, in our schools and 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, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as

Principals Month

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance in honor of the service of elementary, middle level and high school principals and assistant principals.



Signed this 14th day of September, 2026

Bob Ferguson

Governor Bob Ferguson