



**NATIONAL EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS DAY
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS public schools are the backbone of our republic, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

WHEREAS education support professionals are an integral part of the education process; and

WHEREAS education support professionals manage offices, provide custodial and maintenance services, prepare healthy meals for our students, provide health and student services, keep our schools safe, drive our buses, and support students and classrooms as instructional assistants; and

WHEREAS our education support professionals have been steadfast in their commitment to supporting the education and well-being of our students in countless ways through their work both inside and outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS education support professionals have learned new technologies, performed different tasks, and stepped up to new levels of caring for our students; and

WHEREAS we know that the safety of our schools and our students and the academic engagement of our students could not be accomplished without our education support professionals as our frontline staff; and

WHEREAS approximately 40,000 Salem-Keizer Public Schools students rely on education support professionals for registration, transportation, meals, health and safety; and

WHEREAS our district could not operate on any given day without over 2,834 support professionals; and

WHEREAS education support professionals work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Salem-Keizer Public Schools Board of Directors hereby proclaims Wednesday, November 15, 2023, as National Education Support Professionals Day and urges that we observe this day by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the importance of education support professionals in our public schools.

Karina Guzmán Ortiz, Chairperson
Salem-Keizer Public Schools Board of Directors

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Date