



Sun Prairie Area  
School District

Futures depend on us...every child, every day.

## PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the month of April is recognized as Arab American Heritage Month across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, for over a century, Arab Americans have been making valuable contributions to virtually every aspect of American society including medicine, law, business, education, technology, government, military service, and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, Arab Americans have brought with them to America their resilient family values, strong work ethic, dedication to education, and diversity in faith and creed, which have strengthened our great democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, The number of Wisconsinites who claim an Arab ancestry more than doubled since the Census first measured ethnic origins in 1980, and is among the fastest-growing Arab populations in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions from our Arab American students and families are a vital and vibrant part of our public school system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education, teachers, parents, and community members of the Sun Prairie Area School District are committed to a vision that “reflects the cultures of our diverse community” and a mission to “inspire and prepare every child, every day, by providing relevant, engaging and innovative learning experiences in and out of the classroom”; and

**WHEREAS**, we are committed as a District to keep safe, honor, and love all of our children;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education proclaims April 2024 to be Arab American Heritage Month; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education strongly encourages our staff and community members to observe, recognize and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Arab Americans to our schools, communities, state, and country.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Proclamation was duly passed by the Board of Education of the Sun Prairie Area School District on the 11th day of March, 2024.



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on behalf of Board of Education

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