



TEACHER (ALL EDUCATORS) APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS education is essential to the future of our community, state, country, and world; and

WHEREAS teachers and licensed specialists – all educators – mold future leaders through guidance and education; and

WHEREAS this continues to be a challenging time to be an educator in the history of public education, with educators committed to meeting so many continued and emerging needs of our students, including the mental health needs of our student; and

WHEREAS educators embrace students of widely differing backgrounds, helping students connect to emotional and social supports; and

WHEREAS our educators are committed to stopping at nothing to remove barriers to high quality education for all our 39,000 students; and

WHEREAS our country's future depends on providing quality education to all students and helping them to feel a sense of belonging regardless of race, ethnicities, cultures, genders, personal beliefs and family values; and

WHEREAS educators spend many hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students, and performing community service; and

WHEREAS our educators are committed to student learning and high academic achievement for all students, regardless of the challenges that occur in our community or country; and

WHEREAS educators have embraced the changing times, ups and downs, as we emerged from the pandemic and our students' needs became increasingly complex; and

WHEREAS our educators go beyond academic teaching to provide social and emotional learning and support the whole child; and

WHEREAS our community recognizes and supports its educators and specialists in educating the children of Salem and Keizer;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Salem-Keizer Public Schools Board of Directors proclaims May 6 – 10, 2024, to be Teacher (All Educators) Appreciation Week and encourages all members of our community to join with the board in personally expressing appreciation to all our educators for their dedication and devotion to their work.

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

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Date