



# Proclamation

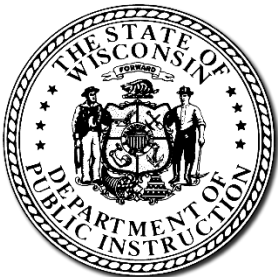
BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

## National School Lunch Week

- WHEREAS: The School Nutrition Association (SNA) has designated October 14-18, 2024, as National School Lunch Week; and
- WHEREAS: Since 1946, the National School Lunch Program has been offering nutritious meals to low-income families who might not otherwise have access to daily food; and
- WHEREAS: In Wisconsin, more than 800,000 children have daily access to the National School Lunch Program, which ensures they are nourished so they are ready to have equitable, transformative, and sustainable educational experiences; and
- WHEREAS: More than 70 percent of school food authorities participate in Farm to School activities, including procuring local foods, providing agricultural and nutritional education, and growing school gardens. Funds spent on local foods for the National School Lunch Program supports Wisconsin communities, the growth of local supply chains, and strengthens the local economy; and
- WHEREAS: To promote more the National School Lunch Program's crucial role in student health and success, during the second week of October, SNA members celebrate with special menus and events to boost student participation, inform parents, attract media attention, and connect with educators about the value of school meals.
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare the week of October 14-18, 2024, as National School Lunch Week.

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October 14 - 18



Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

