

Proclamation

Declaring February 23- February 27, 2026 Public Schools Week

WHEREAS, public education is a significant institution in a 21st-century democracy; and

WHEREAS, public schools in the United States are where students come to be educated about the values and beliefs that hold the individuals of the United States together as a nation; and

WHEREAS, public schools prepare young individuals of the United States to contribute to the society, economy, and citizenry of the country; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of children in the United States attend public schools; and

WHEREAS, Federal, State, and local lawmakers should:

- (1) prioritize support for strengthening the public schools of the United States;
- (2) empower superintendents, principals, and other school leaders to implement, manage, and lead school districts and schools in partnership with educators, parents, and other local education stakeholders; and
- (3) support services and programs that are critical to helping students engage in learning, including counseling, extracurricular activities, and mental health supports; and

WHEREAS, public schools should foster inclusive, safe, and high quality environments in which children can learn to think critically, problem solve, and build relationships; and

WHEREAS, public schools should provide environments in which all students have the opportunity to succeed beginning in their earliest years, regardless of who a student is or where a student lives; and

WHEREAS, Congress should support:

- (1) efforts to advance equal opportunity and excellence in public education;
- (2) efforts to implement evidence-based practices in public education; and
- (3) continuous improvements to public education; and

WHEREAS, every child should:

- (1) receive an education that helps the child reach the full potential of the child; and
- (2) attend a school that offers a high-quality educational experience; and

WHEREAS, Federal funding, in addition to State and local funds, supports the access of students to inviting classrooms, well-prepared educators, and services to support healthy students, including nutrition and afterschool programs; and

WHEREAS, teachers, paraprofessionals, and principals should provide students with a well-rounded education and strive to create joy in learning; and

WHEREAS, superintendents, principals, other school leaders, teachers, paraprofessionals, and parents make public schools vital components of communities and are working hard to improve educational outcomes for children across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education declares the week of February 23 through February 27, 2026, as Public Schools Week in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

**Adopted by the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education at its
regular meeting on February 18, 2026**