

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

PRINCIPALS MONTH OCTOBER 2026

WHEREAS, principals are educational visionaries, instructional and assessment leaders, coaches, motivators, disciplinarians, community and team builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special program administrators and guardians of various legal and contractual obligations that nobody realizes until they do the job; and

WHEREAS, principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers as a team to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop and execute mission statements and set and work to achieve performance goals and objectives; and

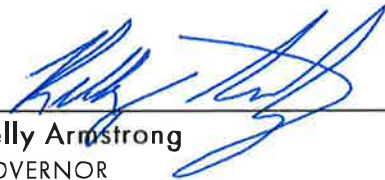
WHEREAS, the vision, dedication and determination of a principal provide the mobilizing force behind any school reform or change effort; and

WHEREAS, leadership is second only to classroom instruction among all school-related factors that contribute to what students learn at school; a great principal increases the odds of a student having an amazing opportunity to learn; and

WHEREAS, Principals Month, recognized by the National Principals Association, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the North Dakota Principals Association, the North Dakota Elementary Principals Association and the North Dakota Council of Educational Leaders, honors elementary, middle level and high school principals and assistant principals and recognizes the importance of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to the best high-quality education.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
OCTOBER 2026, **PRINCIPALS MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE