



State of
North Dakota

Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK

November 13-17, 2017

WHEREAS, ALL children and youths learn best when they are healthy, supported and receive an education that enables them to thrive academically, socially and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, schools can more effectively ensure that all students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multi-tiered supports; and

WHEREAS, children's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health through connectedness within the school and community; and


WHEREAS, sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention and school safety and support of culturally diverse student populations; and

WHEREAS, school psychology has over 60 years of well established, widely recognized and highly effective practice and standards that are clearly articulated in NASP's Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychological Services; and

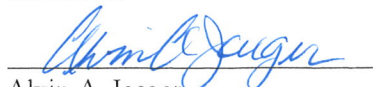
WHEREAS, school psychologists are specially trained to foster and deliver, in the school and community, a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning. School psychologists help children to thrive by nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and academic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning as well as individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
November 13-17, 2017, **NATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK**
in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State