

## SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK NOVEMBER 7-11, 2022

WHEREAS, children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported and receive an education that enables them to thrive academically, socially and emotionally; and 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, positive educational and social outcomes for all children and youth are possible only in a society and schools that affirm and value the diversity of each child; and school psychologists take steps to foster a school climate that is supportive, inclusive, safe, accepting and respectful toward all persons; and

WHEREAS, sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, school safety, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention and support of culturally diverse student populations; and school psychology has more than 60 years of well established, widely recognized, and highly effective practice and standards that are clearly articulated in the National Association of School Psychologists' 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, helping children 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 and individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota recognizes the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of North Dakota's children.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 7-11, 2022, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK in the State of North Dakota.



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