



Proclamation

BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Children's Mental Health Week

- WHEREAS: Wisconsin's most important resource is the potential of its children; and
- WHEREAS: When we support healthy child development, including positive mental health, we invest in children's ability to contribute fully to our community; and
- WHEREAS: Mental health is a part of overall health and wellness, is dynamic and fluid, and recovery from a mental health challenge is the norm, not the exception; and
- WHEREAS: Mental wellness is heavily impacted by social influencers of health including income, discrimination, housing, and availability of health care; and
- WHEREAS: Schools can create safe and inclusive spaces where students can access a continuum of mental health supports; and
- WHEREAS: Student and adult positive mental health benefits all of us through more resilient families, better educational outcomes, and, in the long term, a stronger state; and
- WHEREAS: The state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in setting apart a time each May to reaffirm our commitment to supporting and prioritizing the mental health of our state's kids, youth, and families;
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare May 5 – May 11, 2024, as Children's Mental Health Week, and I call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Wisconsin to commit to increased action to build, fund, and maintain appropriate and sustainable mental health supports and accessible services for all of Wisconsin's children.

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May 5-11, 2024



Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

