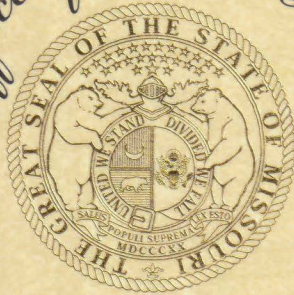


Office of the Governor



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, school principals are on the front lines of ensuring all students feel safe and supported at school and are instrumental partners in Missouri's efforts to build an education system that works for all students, regardless of their age, identity, income level, ability status, or ZIP code; and

WHEREAS, school leadership and classroom instruction are fundamental components that contribute to the success of Missouri's students; and

WHEREAS, in the past 20 months, school principals have been a guiding light, demonstrating "bold leadership" for Missouri schools and communities when needed most; and

WHEREAS, our students need to be in school and Missouri principals have promoted the safe reopening of schools throughout the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, school leaders set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with all stakeholders to facilitate learning, maintain a rigorous curriculum, set performance standards, and secure the mission of educating children in the "Show-Me State"; and

WHEREAS, principals are expected to be educational leaders, assessment experts, public relations experts, data and budget analysts, disciplinarians, guardians of student safety and policy mandates, and advocates of activity programs; and

WHEREAS, the role of the school principal carries greater responsibility than ever before for ensuring maximum educational and career opportunities for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals and the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, representing over 3,500 educational leaders statewide, is dedicated to advocacy, collaboration, and leadership development.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim October 2021 to be

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS' MONTH

in Missouri, and to recognize the Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals and the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals for all they do to help ensure that all students have access to high-quality education.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 23rd day of September, 2021.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcroft
SECRETARY OF STATE