



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, each year, School Board Recognition Week is observed by the more than 700 school boards in school districts throughout the Empire State; and

Whereas, our state's public education system is designed to meet the educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to society and an ever-changing world; and

Whereas members of local school boards are dedicated to children, learning, and community, and devote many hours of service to elementary and secondary public education as they continually strive for improvement, excellence, and progress in education, recognizing that all children can be successful learners, especially when education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

Whereas, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public, and the public's expectations to the district, by working closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we all hold for today's students and those in the future; and

Whereas, the members of New York State's local school boards respond to the educational needs of the communities they serve and help ensure the solid foundation of our school system; in doing so, these leaders help strengthen our state's educational system and improve future prospects for our children; and

Whereas, during October 24 - 28, 2016, special activities and programs will be held in communities across New York State in observance of School Board Recognition Week and it is fitting to join in acknowledging the commitment and contributions of members of local school boards;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 24 - 28, 2016 as

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-second day of August in the year two thousand sixteen.

Governor

William J. Mahon
Secretary to the Governor