

Proclamation

WHEREAS, educators and education support professionals perform the critical role of educating students in this State; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the educational process has completely changed requiring educators to adapt to new ways of teaching and interacting with their students; and

WHEREAS, educators have been asked to go above and beyond their normal duties and have risen to the challenge to ensure that their students continue to learn and help their students adjust to the changing environment; and

WHEREAS, educators deserve to be acknowledged and applauded for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, many educators have delivered food and visited the homes of their students; and

WHEREAS, educators have been working tirelessly to prepare for a safe school year and responding to questions and concerns from parents; and

WHEREAS, educational support professionals, including food service workers, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, custodians and maintenance personnel have played a critical role in supporting students and meeting their needs since schools were closed last spring and will be critical in ensuring a safe return to school; and

WHEREAS, educators include nurses, counselors, psychologists, social workers and others who are responsible for supporting the full range of student health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, educators have also continued their important role in reporting suspected child abuse; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the State of Colorado, we honor educators and education support professionals in this state for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

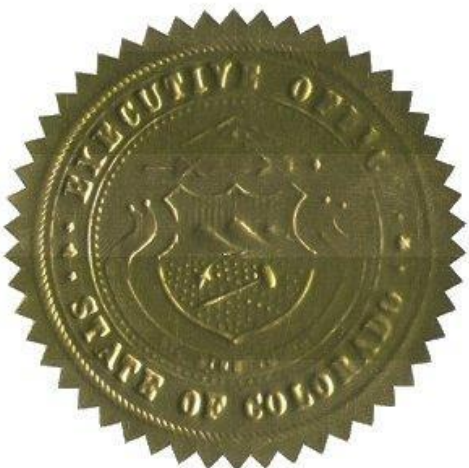
WHEREAS, educators are heroes for their evolutionary and out-of-the-box thinking during this challenging time and pledge to providing them all of the support they deserve;

THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim January 4, 2021, as

EDUCATORS AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION DAY

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this fourth day of
January, 2021*



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared Polis
Governor