



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

**2022**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Public Schools Week is an annual celebration that brings together school leaders, educators, parents and community leaders to recognize the importance of our nation's public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing opportunities for all children, empowering families, strengthening communities, and preparing people for productive careers and meaningful lives; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools welcome every child—regardless of ability, race, religion, wealth, language, country of origin or needs—and help cultivate a passion for learning, inspire curiosity and imagination, and unlock the potential of young people; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools provide a pathway to economic success, and serve as economic linchpins to every community, bringing together families, children, educators, business leaders, volunteers, and elected leaders in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, all public school employees – teachers, school counselors, custodians, bus drivers, staff, and administrators – work tirelessly each day for our students; yet, too many public schools remain underfunded and lack the resources they need to prepare students for success and to support children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has a constitutional duty to ensure all children have the opportunity to receive a sound, basic education, and strong, well-resourced public schools are critical to ensuring that the state meets that obligation; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages the people of our state to observe this week by supporting our public schools and educators, for whom every week is public schools week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 21-25, 2022, as “PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.