



**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** education is essential to the future of our community, state, country, and world; and

**WHEREAS** teachers and licensed specialists mold future leaders through guidance and education; and

**WHEREAS** this continues to be a challenging time to be a teacher in the history of public education with the past year reaching crisis levels for student mental health issues; and

**WHEREAS** teachers embrace students of widely differing backgrounds, helping students connect to emotional and social supports; and

**WHEREAS** our teachers are committed to stopping at nothing to remove barriers to high quality education for all our 41,000 students; and

**WHEREAS** our country's future depends on providing quality education to all students and helping them to feel a sense of belonging regardless of race, ethnicities, cultures, genders, personal beliefs and family values; and

**WHEREAS** teachers spend many hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students, and performing community service; and

**WHEREAS** our teachers are committed to in-person learning with greater enthusiasm and supports for students to keep them safe throughout these crucial times of the pandemic, regardless of the challenges or divisive issues that occur in our community or country; and

**WHEREAS** teachers have embraced the changing times, ups and downs throughout the pandemic, working extra hours filling in for colleagues during a time when absences and impacts to operations were felt due to the Omicron contagion; and

**WHEREAS** our teachers go beyond teaching to provide social and emotional learning and support the whole child, making more than 100,000 phone calls to connect with and care for our students and families; and

**WHEREAS** our community recognizes and supports its teachers and specialists in educating the children of Salem and Keizer;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Salem-Keizer School District Board of Directors proclaims May 3-7, 2022, to be Teacher Appreciation Week and encourages all members of our community to join with the board in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.

Osvaldo F. Avila, Chairperson, Board of Directors  
Salem-Keizer Public Schools

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Date