

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 96

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PROCLAMATION

Teacher Appreciation Week 2026

WHEREAS, what is now Teacher Appreciation Week began as an unofficial National Teacher Day in 1953, due to the advocacy of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, as a day to recognize the work of educators; and

WHEREAS, following the efforts of the National Education Association and its affiliates, National Teacher Day became a Congressionally recognized celebration in 1980; and

WHEREAS, since 1984, the National PTA has designated one week in May as Teacher Appreciation Week, a special time to honor those who lend their passion and skills to educating our children, which NEA shortly thereafter voted to move National Teacher Day to the Tuesday of that same week; and

WHEREAS, Teacher Appreciation Week is a moment to ensure educators in our lives know how much they mean to our communities and us; and

WHEREAS, events across the country at the local, state, and national levels celebrate the outstanding contributions teachers make; and

WHEREAS, Riverside School District 96 pledges to transform our appreciation into action that protects students, strengthens public schools, and ensures educators are treated with the respect & dignity they deserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Riverside School District 96 hereby proclaims the week of May 4-8, 2026, as Teacher Appreciation Week, with all of the celebrations and recognitions thereby incorporated.

Proclaimed this 20th day of May, 2026.

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