

YAKIMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Proclamation

**American Education Week**  
**November 12-16, 2018**

**WHEREAS**, public education is the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

**WHEREAS**, public education employees, be they educators, substitute educators, higher education faculty and staff, custodians, teachers, paraeducators, bus drivers, clerical workers, food service professionals, skilled trades workers, health and student service workers, security guards, technical employees, or librarians, work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

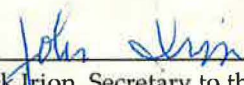
**WHEREAS**, public schools are the foundations of neighborhoods and communities, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common purpose; and

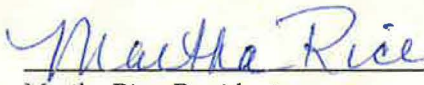
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Yakima School District, do hereby proclaim the week of November 12-16 as the 97<sup>th</sup> annual observance of American Education Week.

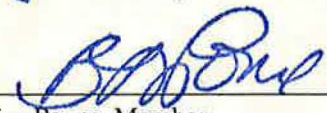
We urge all families and community members to join us in recognizing those who contribute to the future of our youth through the American education system.

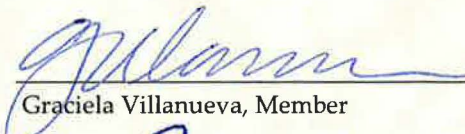
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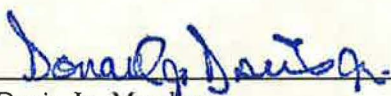
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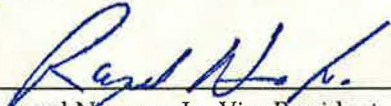
  
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