



Public Schools Week 2022

February 21-26, 2022

The Learning First Alliance is hosting its annual Public Schools Week from February 21-26, 2022. Every year, Public Schools Week is a designated time to celebrate public schools and the administrators, teachers, specialists, parents, and school board members who work diligently for our students. This year more than ever we must express our pride for our public schools and uplift the exemplary voices and efforts of the education community.

Public Schools Week 2022's theme is *creating safe, equitable, and engaging* schools. The theme highlights the continuous efforts of the education community to make our public schools safe, equitable, and engaging. This Public Schools Week, we acknowledge how our public schools are being challenged in new and demanding ways while highlighting the work of those who are continuously fighting to improve them.

Leading up to Public Schools Week we will be publishing podcasts with interviews highlighting the exemplary work of our nation's educators. Throughout the week of February 22-26, we will have several webinars and panels, both live and recorded, to hear from the leaders in the education community, students, and discuss student health and well-being.

We invite you to join us and get involved in celebrating our nation's public schools and uplifting the work of our nation's educators in these extraordinary times.

Our activities will include:

- On www.publicschoolproud.org we are building a library of teachers, administrators, parents, school board members, counselors and others who demonstrate how schools work to help students. Additionally, we have been taking audio clips from the podcasts with exemplars from the profession, adding visuals, and using them to promote Public Schools Week (PSW) on social media

- All the Learning First Alliance members are distributing these social media posts and the accompanying tool kit to hold celebrations in their own schools.
- We have a Spanish language and culture consultant who is translating the ideas from our PSW materials into Spanish
 - Additionally, we will have Spanish language podcasts and social media posts
- Public Schools Week events:
 - Monday (Presidents Day, Feb. 21) – release a video of why we support public education
 - Inspired by being – affirmative, purposeful, very clear
 - Hope to get a member or two from Congress on tape for the video
 - Tuesday (Feb. 22) – Panel of exemplars, teachers of the year, superintendent of the year, principals of the year, etc. to talk about what they do to reach all of their students. This live session will be streamed on the LFA member association social media platforms.
 - Wednesday (Feb. 23) – Panel of students, prerecorded – talking about why public schools are important to them.
 - Thursday (Feb. 25) – mental health and wellbeing panel with Pamela Cantor, David Osher, Alma Lopez, the school counselor of the year and a representative from the American Psychiatric Association
- Reaching out to state affiliates of LFA and other LFA-like groups and supporting their events which will include a model resolution for their state legislators to pass like the Congressional Resolutions.

In the past two years we have had many local celebrations of Public Schools during the week. These have also included 13 state resolutions, national resolutions, distribution of toolkits and materials being shared on social media from over 25,000 people on Instagram alone.