



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, public schools are 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**, education employees, be they teachers, custodians, education support professionals, bus drivers, or substitute educators, work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism;

and

**WHEREAS**, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise;

Now, therefore,

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I, Valerie A. Palarski,  
serving as School Board President  
of the D.C. Everest Area School District  
do hereby proclaim November 15-21, 2009  
as the 88th annual observance of

## American Education Week

Signed this 24th day of October 2006