



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, education support professionals are involved in nearly every aspect of education -- maintaining buildings and grounds; preparing and serving meals; keeping school facilities clean and orderly; assisting in the classroom; performing and conducting research activities; providing information technology and media services, administrative support functions, safe transportation, and a secure and healthy environment; and many other specialized services; and

**WHEREAS**, these dedicated individuals deserve recognition and thanks for the outstanding work they are doing for this state, their communities, and the students enrolled in Olympia's schools; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 800 education support professionals working with and helping students in the Olympia School District; and

**WHEREAS**, education support professionals are instrumental in fulfilling the state's responsibility to educate all students; and

**WHEREAS**, by supporting the learning environment, education support professionals are crucial partners with teachers, parents, administrators and school boards;

**NOW THEREFORE**, we, the members of the Olympia School Board and the Superintendent, do hereby proclaim the week of March 11-15, 2019, as

### ***Education Support Professionals Week***

in the Olympia School District, and I urge all staff and citizens to join me in this special observance. Signed this 25th day of February, 2019

**Joellen Wilhelm**  
President, Olympia School Board

**Dr. Patrick Murphy**  
Superintendent, Olympia School District