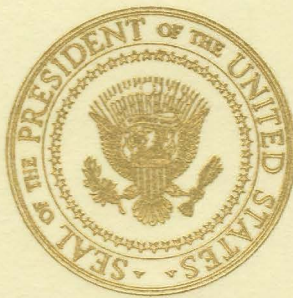


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## American Education Week, 1974

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

The greatness of a nation of free institutions is measured by the degree of enlightenment of its citizens.

By that measure, ours is a great Nation. Our States provide schools for all Americans. And those schools—public, private and church-affiliated—are the vital centers of neighborhood and community life throughout the Nation.

It is most appropriate that the theme of this year's American Education Week is "Stay Involved," for there is no end to the educational process. "Staying involved" means that each of us is sufficiently concerned about the training and development of our young people to make the contribution to that educational process that our special training, experience, and perspective allow us to make.

I know that all Americans will resolve to stay involved in the educational process, for the knowledge we impart to our children today will determine the future of our people.

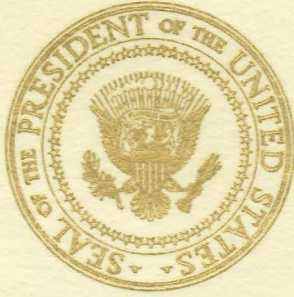
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week of October 27 through November 2, 1974, as American Education Week.

I invite all Americans to join with me and the dedicated educators of our Nation in exploring the more vital role schools can play in neighborhood and community life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-eighth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

*Gerald R. Ford*





## American Education Week, 1975

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

Our schools are no better than we make them. They can provide a solid educational foundation for our children. They can provide a training ground for leadership development. They can offer an opportunity for expanded technical knowledge and cultural enrichment through continued education. They can become a center for community involvement. But the future our schools provide is in large measure dependent upon our involvement.

We must be concerned for our sake, for our children's sake and for the future of our Republic. This Nation's greatness depends upon the enlightenment of each generation.

Although we can be justly proud of our system of American education, we must not become complacent. What we teach our children in school and what adults continue to learn through advanced courses and community educational opportunities will affect our own future—and our Nation's future.

It is particularly appropriate, therefore, as we celebrate our 200 years of history, to emphasize the importance of American education in the lives of every American.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning November 16, 1975, as American Education Week.

I urge parents to visit their children's schools, to learn what their children are learning and to join with teachers and administrators in providing an enriching environment for their children's educational experience.

I urge all students to recognize the unique opportunity they have in this great Republic to reach out for greater knowledge and deeper understanding of man and his environment.

I urge students, teachers and administrators to plan appropriate activities which encourage participation in student government.

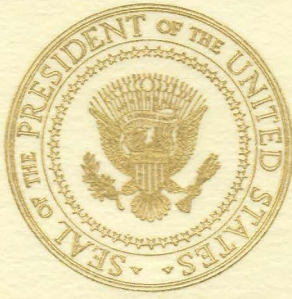
I urge everyone, either informally or in the classroom setting, to take advantage of the growing opportunities for adult education in technical skills, employment skills and cultural and intellectual pursuits.

During American Education Week, I urge every American to recommit himself to the process of continuing education for every man, woman and child.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

*Gerald R. Ford*





## American Education Week, 1976

*By the President of the United States of America*

### A Proclamation

One of our Nation's greatest gifts to its children is the right to free public education through the high school years. No country on earth offers at public expense so extended an education to so many young people without regard to their social or economic background and regardless of their race, creed, color and sex.

The quality of our education system is still improving steadily. As just one indication of this, the National Assessment of Educational Progress shows that children in the elementary grades are reading significantly better than they did five years ago. Federal aid programs are helping disadvantaged, bilingual, and handicapped children gain equal access to education's mainstream, thus offering all students the benefits of education's progress.

Beyond high school, our many fine colleges, universities, and occupational schools give young people the opportunity to prepare for virtually any career and to fulfill almost any desire for self-enrichment. Federal grants and loans, along with State and private aid, ease the financial burden of education after high school to an extent never before enjoyed by our Nation's youth.

People of all ages are taking advantage of their many higher education options. A decade ago the average American had a high school education. Today the average American has some postsecondary experience.

We may be justifiably proud of our achievements in education while still recognizing that our schools and colleges face problems. Some school districts and colleges are experiencing financial difficulties. Some are plagued by vandalism and violence that disrupt the learning environment and cost taxpayers more than a half-billion dollars a year. Some are re-evaluating their mission in response to the demand for greater emphasis on basic learning skills and career training.

Our education system is resilient and responds positively to challenge. I am confident that it will continue to be responsive to the needs and aspirations of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning November 14, 1976, as American Education Week.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

*Gerald R. Ford*



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1974

Dear Mr. Hazlett:

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Sincerely,

William J. Baroody, Jr.  
Assistant to the President

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FROM  
**THE WHITE HOUSE**

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**FROM**  
**THE WHITE HOUSE**

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Miss Vivian W. Henderson  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. ▀

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Jackson State College  
Jackson, Mississippi 39217



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FROM  
**THE WHITE HOUSE**

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. G. Holmes Braddock  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1974

Dear Professor Worthington:

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FROM  
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Robert M. Worthington  
Professor  
Rutgers University  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dec. 29



Mr. Bob Kutterford is sending  
over a list. He is asst.  
to Education Commissioner  
Bill.



November 1, 1974



Dear

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 29, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Marguerite McAuliffe



The President has signed Proclamations entitled:

"American Education Week, 1974" ✓

"National Parkinson Week, 1974"

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Robert D. Linder' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert D. Linder

THE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION  
WASHINGTON



November 1, 1974

Enclosed is a set of note-cards, bearing the names of fifty outstanding individuals in the field of education, in alphabetical order. Should you need any further assistance, please call me or my assistant Pat McCoy at 245-9251.

Robert R. Weatherford  
Special Assistant



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON



November 4, 1974

Mr. Baroody:

The attached list was obtained from Bob Weatherford, Terrel Bell's assistant in the Office of Education.

Also, I have deleted Albert Shanker from the list -- unless you think we should send one to him.

*Margaret*

*NEA*

*yes - leave Shanker on  
& put Jim Harris, Pres.  
& Terry Hendon (sp?)  
sec. sec. of NEA on  
list for (B)*



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Respectfully,  
W

Yes - leave blank or  
+ put for blank, too.  
+ Terry Robinson (C.P.)  
Rev. Mr. J. W. A. or  
but for  
(18)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

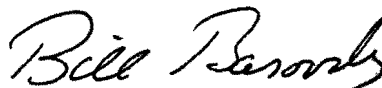
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bill Baroody".

William J. Baroody, Jr.  
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