

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Members of Congress celebrate Public Schools Week

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More than 70 Democrats and Republicans have signed onto H.Res 254 - Expressing support for the designation of the week of March 25 through March 29, 2019, as "Public Schools Week"

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Representatives Mark Pocan (WI-02), Sam Graves (MO-06), Suzanne Bonamici (OR-01), and Glenn "GT" Thompson (PA-15) this week led a bipartisan group of 74 Members of Congress in introducing [H.Res.254](#), which expresses support for the designation of the week of March 25 through March 29, 2019, as "Public Schools Week."

"More than 3.2 million dedicated teachers and administrators are working to educate the next generation of American students, creating opportunities for them to grow and succeed. With public school enrollment reaching more than 50 million students, we must invest in our public schools and ensure that we have a public education system that is preparing our students for the challenges that lie ahead," **said Pocan.** "Democrats and Republicans are coming together to celebrate Public Schools Week because we are especially proud of the public schools in our communities, the millions of students in our districts, the dedication of teachers, and the hard work of school administrators and support staff. Together, we can give our students and our educators in public schools the resources they need to thrive."

"Our public schools have always been and will continue to be a critical asset to

North Missouri and the country. The schools throughout my district do incredible work to educate our children. Our teachers and faculty are devoted to making sure they receive a quality education. This is evidenced by the outstanding graduates of our public schools who go on to make a difference here at home and around the world. Public Schools Week is a great opportunity to celebrate the successes of our students, teachers, faculty and administrators across the country,” **said Graves.**

“Our communities are stronger when everyone has access to a quality public education,” **said Bonamici.** “As a proud public school graduate and parent of public school graduates, it is my honor to be a sponsor of the bipartisan Public Schools Week. Public education is one of the best investments we can make. I am grateful to all of the teachers, administrators, counselors, and support staff who help students thrive. I will continue to advocate for public education and for the resources our schools need.”

“During National Public Schools Week, we acknowledge the diversity and success of our public schools and the sound education they provide,” **Thompson said.** “As a senior member of the Education & Labor Committee and a product of public schools, I know the incredible role our schools play in communities across the nation. A child’s opportunity should not be left to chance, and every child deserves a quality, well-equipped school where they can learn, be inspired, and thrive. Public schools do that. We must continue to strengthen our public schools, where our most precious resource is developed: our children.”