

STATE OF ARKANSAS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The school districts throughout Arkansas have the current endeavor of educating over 477,000 students and the mission to provide a safe and nurturing, supportive environment of educational excellence, where all belong, all learn, and all students can achieve success; and

WHEREAS: Parental involvement is one of the most important factors in any student's success in school; and

WHEREAS: Teachers and others say it can often be difficult to get parents into their school buildings to tour classrooms, meet staff, and learn first-hand about their child's progress; and

WHEREAS: Visit Our School Month is a statewide call to community members and leaders, local businesses and families, to get involved throughout Arkansas; and

WHEREAS: While schools districts welcome members of the public year-round, this coordinated effort provides parents, local businesses, community members, and leaders an opportunity to learn more about the many educational opportunities available; and

WHEREAS: Visit Our School Month, October 2017, is not an open house style environment but involves guided tours. The safety of students will always remain top priority. All people on tours will be checked in through normal procedures that visitors follow. Principals and school staff will be leading the tours, and tour groups will never be unsupervised; and

WHEREAS: You can contribute your talents and skills to improving schools throughout our great state by joining school committees, volunteering in the classroom or at school events, or becoming a mentor at a neighborhood school, and offering support to our dedicated teachers, administrators, and support service personnel in collaborative partnerships;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 2017, as

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across the State, and I ask all citizens to join me in collaborative partnerships with local school districts to learn about the many educational opportunities available in our cities and towns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 5th day of September, in the year of our Lord 2017.




Asa Hutchinson, Governor


Mark Martin, Secretary Of State