

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, all children in South Dakota should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in our state to be successful adults; and,

*Whereas*, parents should have the opportunity to choose whatever educational path is best for the success of each individual child; and,

*Whereas*, South Dakota is home to a multitude of high-quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and,

*Whereas*, educational variety not only helps to diversify and strengthen our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

*Whereas*, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options:

*Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden*, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of January 26, 2025, as

**SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**

in South Dakota, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Seventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.



*Larry Rhoden*  
Larry Rhoden, Governor

Attest:

*Monae L. Johnson*  
Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State