

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

**Whereas**, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of South Dakota. Educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; 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**, South Dakota has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and,

**Whereas**, the Rhoden Administration proudly opted into the federal tax credit scholarship offered by the Trump Administration, as provided in the Big Beautiful Bill, which will offer more choice for South Dakota families; 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:

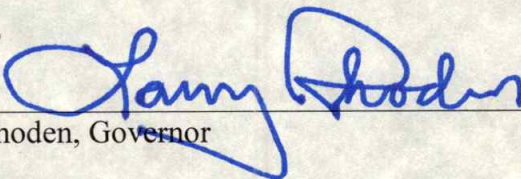
**Now, Therefore, I, Larry Rhoden**, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 25, 2026, as

## *School Choice Week*


in South Dakota.



**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 Thirty-First Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

  
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Larry Rhoden, Governor

**Attest:**

  
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Monae L. Johnson, Secretary of State