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To Washington School Counselors:

As part of the 2019 National School Counseling Week, occurring February 4–8, I would like to commend you for your commitment to the students of Washington state.

The goal of Washington's public education system is to prepare every student who walks through our school doors for post-secondary aspirations, careers, and civic engagement. To do so, we must embrace an approach to education that encompasses the growth and development of the whole child.

My vision for K–12 education includes support for the critical work of school counselors in connecting families to a variety of learning opportunities, implementing multi-tiered systems of support, facilitating individualized High School and Beyond Plans, and ensuring meaningful pathways to graduation.

I fully recognize that the efforts you lead on a daily basis to improve students' academic achievement, career and college readiness, and social/emotional development are essential to the future success of our state.

Helping all students achieve success in school and preparing them to dream big for their future are central functions of our education system. Your work with school administrators, school staff, families, and community members is an integral part of our students' education. Providing a safe and supportive environment for all students has lasting positive impacts on the staff, students, and communities you serve.

Thank you for fulfilling such a vital role within our education system. It is my pleasure to honor school counselors and your important contributions during this formal week of recognition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Reykdal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Chris Reykdal  
Superintendent of  
Public Instruction