

National Public School Week 2023

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is joining with the Learning First Alliance's 10 million members along with educators, parents, and business, and community leaders across the country to celebrate the strength and potential of our nation's education system. During National Public School Week, February 27-March 3, we ask that you join us as we honor all those who prepare and graduate skilled career ready students.

AME has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with our nation's schools. We participate in an annual <u>National Manufacturing Day</u>, the first week in October every year. Manufacturing Day is an opportunity to educate students, parents and educators to inspire the next generation to embrace careers in modern manufacturing.

AME supports this sharing of best practices and celebrate all leading learning organizations who are doing an outstanding job including <u>SkillsUSA</u>, <u>CISCO Network Academy</u>, <u>Haas Technical Education</u> <u>Community</u>, <u>FAME program</u>, <u>Tooling U SME</u>, and <u>AME Alliance Partners</u>.

Public-private educational partnerships are key to preparing and graduating skilled career ready students. Our partners <u>New Horizons Regional Education Centers</u> and <u>Newport News Shipbuilding Apprentice</u> <u>School</u> presented their best practices on <u>"Learning That Works"</u> at the AME Dallas 2022 international conference last year. They shared what one community is doing to prepare students for exciting jobs in manufacturing. Attendees came away energized and excited about the new-collar manufacturing opportunities.

Students need an education focused on effective learning leading to employable skills. Parents need and want students to graduate with a strong work ethic and critical thinking skills, who can collaborate and achieve their own "American dream." And employees need a career-ready workforce.

AME celebrates and honors all those working to make the "America Dream" a reality for our next generation workers. Let us celebrate our teachers and all those educational professionals during National Public-School Week.

With Sincere Gratitude,

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