Across the country, schools will celebrate excellence in education by hosting kickoff events and activities. Schools will invite parents into the classroom for a firsthand look at what the school day is like for their children. Education Support Professionals keep schools running and students safe, healthy and ready to learn. Community leaders will be invited to experience the day as educators and see the challenges of teaching and the needs of students. Substitute educators play a vital role in the maintenance and continuity of daily education.

AEW will present all Americans with an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every student receives a quality education.