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CELEBRATE NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK MARCH 5 – 11, 2023
Celebrate the impactful work of School Social Workers in your community

March 5 - 11, 2023 is National School Social Work Week, an opportunity for schools, communities, and partners to acknowledge and recognize the impactful work School Social Workers do to support students, families, and their communities.

Under the leadership of the School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA) and the New York State School Social Workers' Association (NYSSSWA), we take this time to celebrate the invaluable contributions of School Social Workers.

The theme for National School Social Work Week 2023 is "**We Rise.**" During the school year, School Social Workers are daily confronted with increasing behavioral and social/emotional challenges, the impact of trauma, and increased staff anxieties in addressing these challenges. However, as licensed mental health professionals, School Social Workers face these challenges with expertise, strength and resilience. School Social Workers rise up - supporting their students, teachers, administrators, families, and school communities. They rise to listen and understand. School Social Workers rise to provide trauma informed interventions. They rise to share hope. They rise to challenge inequities. They rise to advocate for the needs and rights of others. They rise to support ALL students.

"School Social Workers are humble professionals," said Rebecca Oliver, LMSW, SSWAA Executive Director, "who often are the voice for students and families but do not always voice the value they add to the school community. School Social Workers rise to support the growing need for mental health services, offering hope for students and families who face various challenges, and advocating for marginalized youth."

About the School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA):

SSWAA is a membership organization with the mission to empower school social workers and promote the profession to enhance the social and emotional growth and academic outcomes of all students nationally and globally. For more information about SSWAA, please visit www.sswaa.org.

About the New York State School Social Workers' Association (NYSSSWA):

NYSSSWA is the only New York State professional association dedicated solely to the visibility and viability of School Social Workers and the students and families that we serve. For more information about NYSSSWA, please visit www.nyssswa.org.