



# School Board Member Recognition Month

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## **JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION MONTH**

(School system's name) is joining all the public school systems across the state to celebrate School Board Member Recognition Month and honor local board members for their commitment to (community's name) and its children.

"It takes strong schools to build a strong community, and these men and women devote countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level," said (Superintendent's full name). "They make tough decisions every month and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect."

(Superintendent's last name) said the key work of school boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Creating a vision for what the community wants the school system to be and for making student achievement the top priority;
- Establishing standards for what students will be expected to learn and be able to do;
- Ensuring progress is measured to be sure the systems goals are achieved and students are learning at expected levels;
- Being accountable for their decisions and actions by continually tracking and reporting results;
- Aligning the system's resources – human and financial – around its improvement goals;
- Creating a safe, orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach;
- Forming partnerships with others in the community to solve common problems; and
- Focusing attention on the need for continuous improvement by questioning, refining and revising issues related to student achievement.

"School board members give the (community's name) citizens a voice in education decision making. Even though we make a special effort to show our appreciation in January, their contribution is a year-round commitment," (Superintendent's last name) said.

The members of the (school system's name) Board of Education are: (give their names and number of years on the board).

(Conclude with a paragraph or two about the ways the system/schools will recognize your school board members during the month.)

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