

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



Proclamation

WHEREAS, children are the heart of Mississippi's future and the public schools a major player in their development as productive citizens and savvy leaders; and,

WHEREAS, Mississippi's public schools are challenged to prepare all children to compete effectively in a global, ever evolving digital society; and,

WHEREAS, the effective leadership of school board members and school administrators working together with the community is imperative in stimulating a climate for high student achievement; and,

WHEREAS, local school board members have a continuing role in facilitating community and school collaboration in defining the vision for public education in each community; and,

WHEREAS, local school board members are ultimately responsible for ensuring that every available resource is identified and applied in maximizing student academic achievement; and,

WHEREAS, local school boards have continually demonstrated their loyalty and commitment to high performing schools, despite challenges such as natural disasters, budget cuts, state accountability changes, and state and federal mandates; and,

WHEREAS, local school board members have consistently gone above and beyond annual state mandated training requirements to seek knowledge to refine their skills as policy makers of school districts:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim the week of February 13-19, 2011 as

School Board Member Recognition Week

in Mississippi. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the vital role of local school board members in ensuring a quality education system, and ultimately a strong, viable Mississippi economy.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 5th day of January in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eleven, and the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Haley Barbour".

HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR