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District 90 School Community Resolution

School Board Members Day

November 15, 2021

WHEREAS, District 90 school board members are elected to sit in trust for our diverse community, and in that capacity are charged with meeting the community's expectations and aspirations for the public education of their children; and

WHEREAS, District 90 school board members are entrusted with the guardianship and wise expenditure of scarce tax dollars, and they are responsible for maintaining and preserving the buildings, grounds, and other areas of the school district that the community has put in their trust; and

WHEREAS, District 90 school board members are responsible for providing leadership that ensures a clear, shared vision of public education for D90 schools, that sets high standards for the education of all students, and requires the effective and efficient operation of the district; and

WHEREAS, District 90 school board members adopt public policy to give voice to that leadership and ensure that the administration implements board policy, and are also responsible for the regular monitoring of the district's performance and compliance with state policy and directives; and

WHEREAS, District 90 school board members selflessly volunteer countless hours to public service with no compensation; and

WHEREAS, The District 90 school district has faced enormous challenges over the past two years, and the strong, dedicated leadership provided by the D90 Board of Education has facilitated student learning and success to continue effectively; and

WHEREAS, District 90 school board members must make numerous decisions on a regular basis that are intended to best serve the collective interests of students, staff, families and the larger community with a strong focus on equity, high-quality instruction, safety and social emotional supports; and

WHEREAS, Decisions made by school board members directly impact and elevate the quality of life in the Village of River Forest, placing them as the front line of American democracy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE ENTIRE DISTRICT 90 SCHOOL COMMUNITY, that we proclaim November 15, 2021, as "School Board Members Day" with gratitude to honor those citizens who devote their time and energy for the successful education of our children and our future leaders.

Illinois School Board Members Facts and Figures



Nearly 6,000 men and women serve on local public school boards in Illinois, governing the education of approximately two million students across 850 school districts. Local boards belonging to the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) are responsible for updating records of individual board members within the IASB membership database. IASB surveys individual board members and collects demographics through its biennial member survey. In its 2020 survey 996 school board members responded, with representation from each of IASB's 21 regional divisions. The following school board member facts and figures is compiled from IASB membership data and member survey responses.

Illinois School Board Members

Gender [♦]	Male	Female
All members	49%	48%

Racial/Ethnic Background [♦]	No.	%
Caucasian	853	86.1%
African American	55	5.6%
Hispanic	18	1.8%
Native American	3	0.3%
Multi-racial/Other	16	1.6%

Age [♦]	No.	%
18 to 29 years	4	0.4%
30 to 39 years	76	7.6%
40 to 49 years	301	30.2%
50 to 59 years	285	28.6%
60 to 69 years	229	23.0%
70 years or older	101	10.1%

Highest Level of Education [♦]	No.	%
Advanced degree	366	36.9%
Four-year degree	324	32.6%
Some college	247	24.9%
High school grad	56	5.6%

Children in School [♦]	No.	%
Yes, in public schools	250	47.4%
Yes, in private schools	12	2.3%
Children are home-schooled	2	0.4%
No children school age	194	36.8%
College/University	137	26.0%
Early Education	28	5.3%

Length of Service [*]	No.	%
Under 5 years	3,413	59%
5-9 years	1,244	21%
10-14 years	712	12%
15-19 years	213	4%
20+ years	233	4%
Total	5,815	100%

School Board Members^{*}

	2015	2017	2019	2021
IASB member districts	847	844	846	848
Total board members	5,922	5,882	5,908	5,838
New members	1,310	1,149	1,061	1,125

Data Sources:

♦ School Board Member Survey, IASB 2020

* IASB Membership Data