

**Resolution from the Arkansas State Board of Education Declaring January 2026
as School Board Member Recognition Month**

WHEREAS, the quality of education continues to be a cornerstone of our state's prosperity and a key driver of Arkansas's future success; and

WHEREAS, education forms the foundation for the future of our children and the growth and advancement of our society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas remains steadfast in its commitment to providing its more than 475,000 public school students with the highest quality education available; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of Arkansas's school boards serve as the vital connection between the community and the classroom, ensuring that the needs of students are met and that the interests of families are represented; and

WHEREAS, these public servants, elected by their local communities, tirelessly advocate for policies and practices that prioritize student success, offering their time, expertise, and judgment without compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas School Boards Association and the Arkansas State Board of Education collaborate to support and guide the state's more than 1,500 locally elected school board members, who make a critical contribution to public education; and

WHEREAS, the month of January provides an opportunity to honor and express appreciation for Arkansas school board members, recognizing the significant time, energy, and talent they invest in service to our schools and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Arkansas State Board of Education hereby recognizes and salutes the members of local boards of education by proclaiming the month of January 2026 as Arkansas School Board Member Recognition Month.

Adrienne Woods, Chair
November 13, 2025

Jacob Oliva, Ex Officio Secretary
November 13, 2025