

STATE OF MICHIGAN



CERTIFICATE OF PROCLAMATION

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,  
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

January 2026  
as  
SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Michigan is home to nearly 600 locally elected local school boards that work to enrich the lives of Michigan's students through education and directly influencing instruction in Michigan's public schools; and,

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are exceptional public servants who have dedicated and committed themselves to this duty by governing school districts, listening to parent voices, and advancing student achievement and well-being in the schools and communities they serve; and,

**WHEREAS**, during this month, we join with the Michigan Association of School Boards, Michigan Department of Education, local school districts and community organizations to recognize and raise awareness of the countless efforts and contributions of local school boards and school board members throughout Michigan; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim January 2026 as School Board Recognition Month in Michigan.

A stylized, cursive signature of Gretchen Whitmer in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor

