



Each January, we pause to express our appreciation for a very special group of volunteers: the school board members.

Usually, we don't think of school board members as school volunteers, but they do in fact volunteer to serve. School board members give their time, energy, and counsel to the school district—without pay. They take on the job of governing the district—making the best decisions they can for our children—with the full understanding that they will receive only the satisfaction of their contribution.

That contribution, however, should not be understated. The volunteer efforts of the school board members have the potential for tremendous benefit to the community as a whole and to the lives of the students individually. By serving the district in this important governance role, school board members lay the foundation for the future.

The men and women who make the time to generously provide this important public service do so because they care. They care about their own children's education. They care about the schools being the best they can be. They care about the next generation and the future of the community and the state.

These people roll up their sleeves and get involved to improve things. It is a selfless accepting of responsibility for the educational process that helps our children grow into successful, joyful adults. Board service is truly "a work of heart."

The entire district joins me in celebrating School Board Recognition Month and we would like to express our appreciation for the volunteer efforts of school board members. Our district benefits greatly from their service.

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