



January 2012 School Board Recognition

Sample Letter to the Editor

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Date

Dear Editor:

January is School Board Recognition Month—a time to say a formal ‘thank you’ for the work of or volunteer school board members. The theme this year is “Building a Brighter Future for All Children.” This reflects our district’s commitment to leadership and accountability assuring that ALL children succeed.

These are exciting and challenging time in public education. The decisions that must be made are difficult ones. School board members in **(your district’s name)** develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our education system, and in turn our community. They bear responsibility for an annual budget of \$_____ million, _____ students, _____ employees and _____ buildings.

Our board of education, and the hundreds like it across the state, preserve the core of our democracy—public education. They ensure that decisions affecting our community’s children are made by people we’ve elected to represent our community’s values, culture and circumstances.

Showing appreciation for the important work of school boards should be a year-round process, but too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. This January, the staff and students of our district are asking all members of the community to take a moment and thank a school board member. Thank them for giving of their time and fulfilling this civic responsibility to make local control of public schools in our community possible.

We applaud them for their vision and their willingness to accept the responsibility of today’s students to become tomorrow’s leaders. The men and women serving **(your district’s name)** and their years of service are: **(list names of board members and years of service)**

Sincerely,
(Name of Superintendent)
(Name of School District)