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January is School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey

(Wayne, New Jersey) On January 19, 2023, the Wayne Board of Education called on citizens to continue working together to advance the education of all students, as it recognized the contributions of colleagues throughout the state during School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey.

"The Wayne Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students," read a resolution adopted by the board. "New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments."

Since the first School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey in 2002, the State Board of Education, the state-level public body that regulates public education, has approved resolutions to honor the work done by local school board members.

School board members in New Jersey receive no pay for their service. More than 5,000 men and women serve on New Jersey's local boards of education, making them the largest group of public officials in the state.

Board President Donald Pavlak, Jr. commented, "Serving on a school board is a privilege and a great responsibility. The role of a school board member is not easy; they have to balance the needs of students, teachers, staff, parents, and the community. They also have to make difficult decisions that are not always popular but are in the district's best interest. School board members are often the first to be criticized when something goes wrong, but they are also the first to be thanked when things go well. Recognizing and appreciating school board members' hard work and dedication is essential. They are a vital part of the education system, and their contributions are critical to the success of the district and the students. Showing appreciation for their service can help build a positive relationship between the school board and the community. It can also encourage more people to become involved in the governance of their schools."

The National School Boards Association initiated School Board Recognition Month in the early 1990s. Various other states followed suit by dedicating one month of the year to recognize the contributions of local board members.

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