

## Sample Proclamation

In October, ask your township, village, city, or county's elected officials to proclaim November 15 as "School Board Members Day" in your community. Take a picture of the signing ceremony, and then publicize the issuance of the proclamation on the district website or in the school newsletter. Copies can be presented to parent or other education organizations for their outreach efforts. You should also consider sending it to your local news media in advance of the actual date (November 15).

## Resolution

School Board Members Day November 15, 2019

**WHEREAS**, School board members are elected to sit in trust for their diverse communities, and in that capacity are charged with meeting the community's expectations and aspirations for the public education of their children; and

**WHEREAS**, School board members are entrusted with the guardianship and wise expenditure of scarce tax dollars, and they are responsible for maintaining and preserving the buildings, grounds, and other areas of the school district that the community has put in their trust; and

**WHEREAS**, School board members are responsible for providing leadership that ensures a clear, shared vision of public education for their schools, that sets high standards for the education of all students, and requires the effective and efficient operation of their districts; and

**WHEREAS,** School board members adopt public policy to give voice to that leadership and employ a superintendent to administer board policy, and are also responsible for the regular monitoring of the district's performance and compliance with state policy; and

WHEREAS, School board members selflessly volunteer countless hours to public service with no compensation; and

**WHEREAS**, Employers are supportive of their employees who serve as school board members, generously lending support and time; employers give their employees the opportunity to better serve the needs of the school districts and communities they represent through sometimes tremendous sacrifice to the employer; and

**WHEREAS**, Decisions made by school board members directly impact the quality of life in their communities, placing them as the front line of American democracy; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, BY** (*local governing body*), that we proclaim November 15, 2019, as "School Board Members Day" as a way to honor those citizens who devote their time and energy for the successful education of our children.