

***The following ideas will help you plan activities in your district for School Board Members Day on November 15, 2019. Please use any of the "School Board Members Day" materials available on our website to assist with activities and outreach. You can also incorporate our themed Illinois School Board Members Day "Transform Vision into Reality" logo into honorary efforts.***

**Tips for staff, students, and parents**

- Make and display board appreciation posters, cards, and banners in schools and classrooms. Ask local businesses if they would display posters as well.
- Ask for classrooms to volunteer to "adopt" a school board member for the day. Students can send cards and artwork to the adopted board members at home or at work, or present their "thanks" at a board meeting.
- Arrange for a student musical group to sing or play at a board meeting, record the event, and post it on your website and share it through your social media accounts (#ThankABoardMember).
- Film a short video with students and staff thanking school board members for their service. Share the video on social media using #ThankABoardMember.
- Give board members a coupon for a "Free School Lunch." Have them sit with members of student government or other student groups.
- Hold mock school board meetings and elections in high school government or debate classes, and invite board members to attend and offer advice.
- Invite board members to a PTA or PTO meeting and publicly thank them for their service.
- Invite board members to a school sporting event and arrange a special ceremony to honor them at halftime or before the game. If possible, include a thank you message on the scoreboard/video board.
- Make board members the guests of honor at a school carnival, rally, or festival.