



School Board Members Day • November 15, 2021

The following can be adapted for use in district newsletters, offered to your local newspaper as an editorial column or letter to the editor, or used as the foundation for a press release.

Localize by adding information about your school board members, details of how the district and community will honor them, and examples of ways your board has improved educational opportunities and made difficult choices to ensure learning continues for district students.

Inspiration and Leadership Prove to be Valuable Assets for Local School Boards

Each year, November 15 marks the official statewide observance of School Board Members Day in Illinois. The day is an opportunity to show support for your board of education and the individual school board members who are committed to providing a local voice for your educational decisions.

It is a time to acknowledge the board's role in creating educational opportunities that meet the goals set forth by the community for their children. These goals are measured by providing a pathway to a successful future for each and every student.

School Board Members Day is an occasion to recognize board members who serve as unpaid volunteers for the benefit of the students and community residents, while also acting as front-line education advocates providing a local voice and vision for the district. Never has school board leadership been more important than the past two years.

For boards of education, the recent challenges and difficult choices go beyond the routine educational decisions. While continuing to ensure students have quality learning opportunities, board members must also consider their decisions in terms of the health and safety of students, teachers, and community members.

School board members continue to work to ensure that the opportunities offered by the district are equitable for all and that everybody has the resources to achieve their dreams. They will continue to fight for their local districts, the students, the staff, and all residents that benefit from having thoughtful and dedicated public servants making public education decisions.

As a community we meet challenges head-on and rise in the face of adversity. We come together when faced with difficulties, and we succeed by working together with a focus on our primary goal: providing a quality education to each and every student of the district.

A great school system is a source of local pride among residents. Let's focus on what we can achieve together. Disagreements can be healed, but we owe it to our children and our students — the future leaders of our community and country — to do everything in our power to provide them with the opportunities for success.

Honor and recognize your school board members on November 15—Illinois School Board Members Day.

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