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January is School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey

(Wayne, New Jersey) On January 22, 2026, 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.

At this year's January meeting, Anthony Wayne Middle School House Council members presented the board with a banner containing the signatures from all Anthony Wayne students in appreciation of their dedication and service to the students of Wayne, NJ.

Superintendent of Schools, David Cittadino commented, "While Wayne is a community with many volunteers who support numerous charitable organizations, service on a school board is a unique kind of community service that requires a level of commitment well beyond what is required of typical community volunteers. It is really difficult to understand the complexity and difficulty of being a member of a board of education unless you have served in that role. The responsibility of delivering educational programs to nearly 8,000 students, making sure our schools are safe, and every classroom has a qualified teacher and instructional supplies and resources, while balancing those educational needs with consideration of taxpayers

is no easy task. What we are really talking about is the oversight of a nearly \$200,000,000 organization that is also one of the largest employers in Passaic County. This is an enormous responsibility and something our board members accept willingly and take very seriously. For members of the public, there is no time like the present to recognize our board of education trustees and say thank you for their efforts.”

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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