

Sample Proclamation

Ask your mayor, city council, or county official to proclaim January as School Board Recognition Month in your community. Publicize this action with a news release and in your district's newsletter.

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 students; 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 policies 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 policies; and

WHEREAS, the board members elected to school board positions deserve recognition and thanks for their countless hours of volunteer service to public education and the students of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the _____ School Board and proclaim the month of January 2023, as

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH in _____. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's students.

IN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Sample Statement

The **(school district)** will join the school districts and organizations throughout Arizona in celebrating January as School Board Recognition Month.

"Our school board members spend countless hours of unpaid time working to provide the best possible education for our students," said district Superintendent **(first and last name)**. "They also serve as elected officials that represent their local communities. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say thanks for all they do."

"School board members represent their fellow citizens' views and priorities in the complex enterprise of maintaining and running the community's public schools," **(superintendent's last name)** said. "They also reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Arizona."

"Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized," **(superintendent's last name)** said.

The school board's main goal is to support student achievement, **(superintendent's last name)** added. To achieve that goal, the board focuses on the following needs:

- Creating a vision for what parents and citizens want their school district to become and how to make student achievement the top priority
- Setting standards for what students must learn and be able to do
- Assessing whether schools achieve their goals, and whether students are learning
- Accounting for the outcomes of decisions and by tracking progress and reporting results
- Aligning the use of the district's human and financial resources
- Creating a safe and orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach
- Collaborating to solve common problems and to support common successes
- Focusing on continuous improvement by questioning, examining, revising, refining and revisiting issues related to student achievement.

(Add a paragraph or two describing the special ways you will recognize your school board members during School Board Recognition Month.)

"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation for our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to improving student achievement and to fighting for the best for all of our students," **(superintendent's last name)** said.

Sample Facebook or Twitter posts

- Our school board provides extraordinary service toward helping students thrive and fulfill their potential. Thank you! #SchoolBoardMonth

- School boards make a powerful difference in our communities and for our students. #SchoolBoardMonth
- School boards: Everyday citizens doing extraordinary work to lead their community's schools. #SchoolBoardMonth
- School boards: Helping students thrive during extraordinary times. #SchoolBoardMonth
- School boards: Working for students and their communities. #SchoolBoardMonth
- Have you thanked a school board member today for their service and dedication to our students and community? #SchoolBoardMonth
- School boards: Leading the way for public education! #SchoolBoardMonth
- Thank you, school board members, for serving our students and for representing the entire community! #SchoolBoardMonth
- Thank you, school board members for advocating for our public schools. #SchoolBoardMonth