

Suggested Editorial

The following can be adapted for use in your district newsletter, as an article in your local newspaper, as a letter to the editor or as the foundation of a speech. Localize the article by adding information about your school's directors, details of how board members will be honored during January and examples of ways your board has improved education for the students in your district. Be sure to include board members' names and years of service.

Pennsylvania public schools educate nearly 2 million students and [number of students] are in [name of district]. Each one of those students has an individual story and a different path they are taking into adulthood. The roads to success are as varied as the students, but they are not traveling this path alone. Parents, teachers, administrators, school bus drivers, and cafeteria aids all play a vital role in the success of students.

In January, we also pause to salute another group of nine people who spend dozens of hours each month voluntarily leading our schools and making difficult decisions – they are the school directors.

The successes of our students are being highlighted in a statewide campaign called “PA Public Schools: Success Starts Here.” School directors play a special part in this campaign in that they set the foundation for a strong education system in our local area.

These elected officials spend countless hours reviewing budgets, approving curriculum and textbook choices, reviewing hiring decisions, adopting policy, and evaluating the academic and operational results of the district. They are our neighbors, friends, community leaders and engaged senior citizens doing a necessary job for the benefit of our children.

As we continue to celebrate the success stories in our schools, let's not forget our elected school directors who play a significant role in creating the environment where those successes can happen.