



# “School Board Member Day”

## November 15, 2016

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### **Educational leadership starts with dedicated school board members**

November 15 will mark the eighth annual “School Board Members Day” in Illinois. This is the district’s and community’s opportunity to thank local board of education members for their commitment in providing a local governance voice for your public schools.

More than any other public officials, school board members must be tuned-in to the voices of their community. This allows them to craft a vision, mission, and goals to accurately reflect the desires expressed by parents and residents. This is also how these educational leaders work with the community to build a pathway for student success.

When it comes to public service, school board members are some of the most selfless volunteers around. They are your coworkers, neighbors, parents, and everything in between. They are also the front-line advocates fighting for quality education opportunities for every child. They serve without the expectation of a paycheck in a position where they act as guardians of the community’s most precious resources—our children and our tax dollars.

Everyone understands that school board members attend meetings, but those hours represent just a fraction of the actual time that they devote to the district. They attend extracurricular events to support schools. They participate in professional development opportunities to learn how to be better board members. And often they are involved in other local events, representing themselves, their community, and their district. Many of these activities take them away from time that could be spent with their own family. Their sacrifice—may be overlooked, but their work is of utmost importance.

Quality education opportunities are one of the largest drivers of successful communities. The work of school board members directly impacts the school district, students, and parents, but it touches the lives of nearly every resident in one way or another.

November 15, 2016 has been designated as “School Board Members Day” in Illinois. Leadership for our community, for our schools, and for our future begins here, with the tireless work of our locally-elected school board members. Help us join with others from throughout Illinois recognizing their efforts.

Geneseo CUSD#228 Board of Education Members:

Mr. Doug Ford, President, Mr. Barry Snodgrass, Vice-President, Mr. John Puentes, Secretary, Mrs. Christy Coleman, Mrs. Heather DeBrock, Mrs. Diane Olson and Mr. Alan VanDeWoestyne