**Letter to the Editor
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**Date:**

**Dear Editor:**

By proclamation of the governor, January is School Board Recognition Month. It’s a great time to recognize our elected community members who selflessly give their time and energy in support of high-quality public schooling for our youth. School board members in (**your district’s name**) are entrusted by this community with responsibility for an annual budget of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ million, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ students, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ employees and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ buildings.

School boards are charged with making decisions that can sometimes be quite difficult, or require sifting through a great deal of information. They also bear responsibility for developing a vision that will guide the school district for years to come. Through collaboration as a team, and with school district staff, their governance and advocacy are building the future of education in Washington state.

This January, we’re encouraging all members of the community to thank a board member. Please thank them for volunteering their time and playing a critical civic role that helps form the bedrock of our democracy—public education. As a crucial bridge between the local community and the school district, their efforts are instrumental in helping all of us realize the hopes and dreams we have for the children of our community.

The men and women serving **(your district’s name)** and their years of service are: **(list names of board members and years of service)**

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Sincerely,

(Name of Superintendent)

(Name of School District)