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**A Work of Heart: Honor Your School Board's Service**

MADISON — School board members translate the values and priorities of their communities into the language of education.

Their school board service is a manifestation of their gratitude to their community and hope for the next generation.

Wisconsin School Board Week is Oct. 3-9, and our theme this year is "Board Service Is a Work of Heart." It's a chance to recognize the men and women who volunteer to serve their communities and children. School board members serve part-time, though they have accepted a challenging role.

They must be accountable to their taxpayers while setting a long-term vision for their schools. They advocate for children at all levels of government and oversee multi-million-dollar budgets.

Boards set the course for their districts on hundreds of topics, from school safety to financial planning to academic standards. Over the last few years, they've been on the front line of keeping their students safe while educating them.

They also hire and evaluate their district superintendents, approve contracts and do so much more.

In addition to preparing for and attending meetings, board members spend hours studying the issues and participating in professional development. We're asking our fellow Wisconsinites to take this opportunity to recognize and thank their local school board members for their public service.

If you thank your board members on social media, please tag us [@wasbwi](#) on Twitter and [@wischoolboards](#) on Facebook so we can spread the word.

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