



Wisconsin School Board Week

October 1-7, 2023

Sample Opinion Column

(This article 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 board, details of how board members will be honored and examples of ways your board has improved education in your district.)

The (school district name) will join school districts throughout the state to salute their local education leaders during Wisconsin School Board Week Oct. 1-7.

The commemorative week is designed to recognize the contributions made by Wisconsin's school board members, including the (district name) School Board, who are charged with governing public education under state law.

Wisconsin school board members are chosen by their communities to manage local schools. They oversee multi-million dollar budgets which fund education programs for more than 867,000 students in more than 420 public school districts. Their personnel decisions affect thousands of teachers, administrators and support workers.

These volunteer leaders are responsible for formulating school district policy, approving curricula, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

Our deepest appreciation is extended to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to participate in education in our community. We salute the public servants of the (district name) School Board whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible: (insert names of local board members).

Please join us by saying thanks to our school board members during Wisconsin School Board Week.

Celebrate Your School Board's Success!