Celebrate School Board Appreciation Month!

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month—a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education.

It's a time to reflect on our combined commitment to leadership and accountability assuring that ALL children succeed.

In Chippewa Valley, school board members must develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues impacting the entire community. They bear responsibility for an annual budget of \$180 million, 14,800 students, more than 1,700 employees and 22 school buildings. They are citizens whose decisions affect our



children—what they learn, who will teach them and the kinds of facilities that house their classrooms.

Our board of education ensures that we have local control of public schools, meaning that decisions on school programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand our community's unique challenges, values, culture, and circumstances.

Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. This January, we invite you to recognize and celebrate the work of your local school trustees.

Thank you to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to have a say about education in our community. We salute the public servants of Chippewa Valley Schools whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow.

Thank you to the members of our school board...

Denise Aquino Christopher Gura Shannon King Kenneth Pearl George Sobah Bruce Wade Robert Wojtowicz