

School Board Appreciation Month

January 2025

THANK YOU POLK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION!

School board members exemplify community representation in education. They are dedicated to service and put forth significant effort to assure that our schools are providing the best education possible for the children of our community. That is why we are once again taking this opportunity to recognize them during School Board Appreciation Month in January.

Board of Education members are citizens whose governance affects our children - what they learn, who will teach them, and what kinds of facilities house their classrooms, and more. With the advice and counsel of the educational professionals they hire and oversee, our Board Members have an impact on virtually every aspect of our schools.

This is a huge responsibility and one that should not be taken lightly. They represent our communities, and they take this responsibility seriously. Board of Education members across the state and country continue to be at the center of heated social and political debates. Many have endured unfair criticism or found themselves victims of political agendas. These individuals now serve in a context where past precedent and conventional wisdom do not always apply, and at a time when varied and changing mandates, rules, and procedures are handed down. Most importantly, they put the education of students first - before personal agendas, politics, or any preconceived notions about the difficult issues they must navigate.

Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent our communities. The staff and students of our school district wish to express sincere appreciation for the leadership and support provided by each member of the Polk County Board of Education. We hope others will join us as we salute the Polk County Board of Education, whose dedication and leadership help make our schools some of the highest performing in the state. We applaud them for their vision and voice to help shape a better tomorrow for our students and for Polk County.

Sincerely,

Polk County Schools Administration and Staff

