**[District/COE name] celebrates School Board Recognition Month**

*January is time to acknowledge the school board and its role in supporting student achievement*

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**[Your City], Calif. (Jan. \_, 2024)** – The [District/County office of education name] is proud to join more than 1,000 local educational agencies in the state in recognizing the contributions of board members during School Board Recognition Month. As schools work to accelerate learning and support student wellness post-pandemic, board members play a key role in setting the foundation, policies and priorities to support optimal student outcomes.

“Board members are our elected representatives and a vital link between the school district and the community,” said [District/COE name] Superintendent [name]. “The board sets the foundation and vision for the district, directs resources where they are most needed, and ensures accountability to the community by monitoring progress toward goals. Their end goal, of course, is to support and elevate student achievement.”

During this challenging year, the [District/COE name] Board of Trustees has worked to [give specific district/COE examples here. Suggestions: efforts to close the digital divide, bring all instruction online, provide food services for children even when they are not in school, efforts to direct resources to students most in need, provide social-emotional support, etc]

The [District/COE name] boa­rd members are [list board members].

“I hope you will join me in saluting our hard-working board members for their support of our students through effective policies and for their continuing advocacy for more resources at the state level,” said Superintendent [name].