

Say “THANKS!” to the Boss

- Does your boss show a constructive interest in your school board work?
- Are you allowed to keep a flexible schedule to balance work with school board duties?
- Does your employer deserve special recognition for encouraging you in your school board work?

CABE Can Help

Now you can say “thanks” to the boss who backs you as a school board member. Upon the recommendation of any Connecticut school board member who is regularly employed (salaried or hourly), CABE Executive Director Robert Rader will send a letter of commendation to the board member’s employer, along with a certificate suitable for framing.

The purpose of the CABE Employer Commendation Program is to recognize those organizations that make a special point of encouraging and supporting employees who serve on school boards.

The award will also:

- acknowledge that there is a school board member on staff;
- acknowledge that the employer views school board service as an essential and demanding community activity;
- recognize that serving on a school board takes time and requires understanding of the employer;
- reinforce the employer’s commitment to support school board members;
- encourage other employers to see that commitment and adopt a similar posture; and
- encourage all employers and employees to view school board service as an attractive avocation.

If you are employed by a business or institution that supports your school board work, and if you would like CABE to send your boss a letter and certificate of commendation, complete the request form to the right and mail it to the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.



Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Employer Commendation Request

I hereby affirm that:

1. I am employed full-time on a salaried or hourly basis;
2. My employer is a business firm or other institution that is not owned or controlled by me or my family;
3. My employer deserves special commendation for supporting and encouraging me in my work as a school board member as follows (please check **all** the items that apply);
 - demonstrates a constructive interest in my school board work;
 - allows me to work a flexible schedule to accommodate school board work and training programs;
 - allows me to take vacation or personal leave as needed for school board work or training programs;
 - authorizes absences with pay to accommodate school board work or training programs;
 - generally encourages me in other ways to serve on my school board.
4. I recommend that the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education send a special letter and certificate of commendation to my employer identified on this form.

Please PRINT CLEARLY:

Your employing firm or organization: _____

Individual to whom commendation should be sent:

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Your name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Your school district _____

Your phone number _____

Your signature _____

Return form to: Veronica Martinez, CABE, 81 Wolcott Hill Rd.,
Wethersfield, CT 06109 or Fax 860-571-7452.