Ask your mayor or town/city council to proclaim March 2021 as Board of Education Member Appreciation Month in your community. Publicize this action with a news release, on your website, and in your district’s newsletter.

**WHEREAS,** public education is the underpinning to economic growth and the overall stability of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the public schools is to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

**WHEREAS,** local school board members provide an environment which encourages enthusiasm for learning for our children enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public’s expectations to the district; and

**WHEREAS,** these volunteer representatives serve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s children well, giving tremendous time, energy and dedication and have greatly contributed to the future of this community, state, and nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Board of Education and proclaim the month of March 2018, as **Board Member appreciation Month** in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I urge all citizens to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today’s and tomorrow’s children.

**In official recognition whereof**, I hereby affix my signature this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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