

March is Board Appreciation Month

Did you know?

School board members contribute many volunteer public service hours to school-related duties and responsibilities. please congratulate, support and salute your local school board members throughout the month of March. Such recognition and encouragement can be helpful as board members serve their communities.

- 1,400 school board members serve Connecticut's 166 school districts.
- School board members are elected locally; however, the State Constitution and the Legislature delegates to them the responsibility to administer the school system as agents of the State.
- Connecticut school board members receive no compensation for their service, receiving only the satisfaction that comes from providing an indispensable public service.
- School board members serve anywhere from 2 to 6 year terms.
- Aside from approximately 10 districts which hold elections in May, school board elections are held the first Tuesday in November of odd-numbered years.
- In Connecticut local and regional school boards vary in size from 5 to 13 members.
- School districts serve over 530,000 children and employ more than 60,000 instructional, administrative and support staff.

Most school board members will tell you their board service is one of the most rewarding experiences they have ever had. Giving back to their communities, influencing the lives of children and carrying out an essential democratic responsibility can be one of the high points of any citizen's life.

