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School Board Recognition Month

September is Minnesota School Board Recognition Month. This is a great time to recognize our elected community members who selflessly give their time and energy in support of high-quality educational opportunities for the children of our communities.

Our School Board members are responsible for formulating school district policy, approving curriculum, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

Our school board is charged with making decisions that can sometimes be quite difficult or require sifting through a great deal of information. They also bear responsibility for developing a vision that will guide the school district for years to come. Through collaboration as a team, and with school district staff, their governance and advocacy are building the future of education in Stewartville.

This September, we're encouraging all members of the community to thank a board member. Please thank them for their willingness to give of their time and for assuming a critical civic role that helps form the bedrock of our democracy – public education. As a crucial bridge between our communities and the school district, their efforts are instrumental in helping all of us realize the hopes and dreams we have for our children.

Even though we are making a special effort to show our appreciation to our School Board members this month, their work is a year-round commitment.

We extend our appreciation and gratitude to the members serving on the Stewartville Public School Board: Nichol Ramaker, chair; Ryan Ravenhorst, vice-chair; Kristy Cook, clerk; Troy Giest, treasurer; Stephanie Kiefer, director; Scott Romens, director; and Will Welch, director.

Please join us by saying thank you to our school board members during Minnesota School Board Recognition Month.

Go Tigers!