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January 2025 School Director Recognition Month

In honor of the commitment and time school board directors volunteer on behalf of our schools and communities all year long, January is designated School Director Recognition Month. The work of these public servants is vital to the success of our students and schools.

School board directors' work is complex and diverse. From voting on budgets to adopting policy to conducting comprehensive planning, school boards make key decisions that drive public education. School directors devote many hours each month to board business, which has only been made more challenging by the ongoing effects of the pandemic and related issues that impact the well-being of our students and families.

Board service is unpaid, and school directors are often motivated to pursue the role out of a desire to benefit their community. The vast majority of school directors indicated their primary reason for serving is to give back or contribute to public education, or to improve educational outcomes for students.

School directors are locally elected officials, focused on improving the townships and boroughs in which they live. They are our fellow neighbors, local leaders, co-workers, parents and friends. As citizens and parents, the success of our schools is a collective interest.

This month, take a moment to recognize and thank your school directors for their time, effort, dedication, and commitment to making a difference in the lives of our students. Your appreciation is a great encouragement to these public servants, as they help ensure our schools remain a pathway to opportunity for every student.

- Charles Chyko – Central Columbia / **Chairperson**
- Bob Fogarty – Central Columbia
- Amanda Orzolek – Bloomsburg
- Eve Ralston – Bloomsburg
- Keith Hess – Berwick
- John Eisenhauer - Berwick
- Cynthia Brassington – Southern Columbia / **Vice Chairperson**
- James Levan – Southern Columbia
- Susan Farr – Millville
- Greg Hemsarth – Millville
- Tyler Garman – Danville
- Adam Gregg – Danville