

MEMORANDUM

TO: PRINCIPALS

**FROM: SALLY HOWELL, J.D.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



DATE: DECEMBER 2009

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION MONTH

You are invited to help celebrate Alabama's 17th annual School Board Member Recognition Month. Throughout January, schools across the state once again will salute more than 800 local school board members for their contributions to public education.

This observance offers you a unique opportunity to build a stronger relationship with your fellow education leaders. Alabama's theme, "Making a World of Difference," reaffirms our common goal – preparing today's students and tomorrow's leaders for productive citizenship. Throughout the month, local leaders like you are being asked to honor the men and women who voluntarily oversee educational efforts for more than 742,789 Alabama schoolchildren. Your local school board members are part of a statewide team that supervises 49,364 teachers, 3,549 administrators, and 38,400 support workers in 1,538 schools.

To make this project a success, we need your help. We urge you and your staff to recognize your local school board members. A list of suggestions you may want to consider as well as camera-ready materials can be downloaded from our Web site at www.alabamaschoolboards.org. **Schools in larger systems are encouraged to work together on events/activities or to rotate responsibility for honoring the board members so that neither you nor the board members are overwhelmed with events.**

Thank you in advance for your efforts to promote this special celebration and help your community express its gratitude to its school board members. If you have questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call your superintendent's office or AASB.

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