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Dear Superintendent,

The Association of Alaska School Boards Board of Directors has declared February to be School Board Appreciation Month. The goal is to build awareness and understanding in your community and schools of an elected school board's crucial function in a representative democracy. As citizen advocates, individual board members face a complex and often demanding job, yet few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of board members' responsibilities.

All Alaska citizens should recognize the important contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the vital role these public officials play in the education of our children.

Such deserved recognition can encourage veteran board members to continue to make the commitment board service requires, as well as encourage other citizens to get involved in the schools and make positive changes. A full month allows local districts, PTAs, booster clubs, Chambers of Commerce, other community organizations, and individual campuses to organize activities convenient and appropriate for them.

Take this opportunity to help acknowledge hundreds of Alaskan public servants who make the time to share their vision and voice about the future of Alaskan children. Our best wishes for a productive month of building awareness and support in your community.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director
Association of Alaska School Boards

