



PRESS RELEASE

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SCHOOL BOARD LEADERS HONORED IN JANUARY "School Boards Lead Strong"

Governor Jennifer Granholm and the State Board of Education have recognized January as School Board Recognition Month, and Cedar Springs Public Schools is joining 552 local and 57 intermediate school districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their untiring dedication to public education.

"Michiganders benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 4,000 men and women across the state," said Superintendent McDermed. "These public servants are elected to serve by our community and receive little recognition for the difficult job that they do. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students."

In a climate of change and challenge, school board members in Cedar Springs develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and impact individual students. They bear responsibility and oversight for an annual budget of over \$30 million, over 3,400 students, over 350 employees, and 7 buildings.

"We proudly join educators and community members in saluting these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of our community's children and families," said McDermed. "They preserve the core of our democracy—public education."

The men and women currently serving on the Cedar Springs Public Schools Board of Education (with first year elected) are:

Brook Nichols, President (2004)
Joseph Marckini, Vice President (2007)
Norton Johnson, Treasurer (1998)
Carolee Cole, Secretary (1998)
Pamela Tow-Conley, Trustee (2003)
Tim Avery, Trustee (2008)
Todd Hanson, Trustee (2009)

