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**ROMEO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CELEBRATES OUR SCHOOL BOARD LEADERS THIS JANUARY
"School Boards Lead"**

January is School Board Recognition Month and Romeo Community Schools is joining 540 local and 56 intermediate school districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their untiring dedication to public education.

"Serving on a school board has been described as the 'toughest volunteer job in America.' Yet Michigan's public school board members dedicate countless personal hours to attending meetings, school functions, and hours of preparation for the decisions they make," said Eric Whitney, Superintendent. "On top of that, many pursue their own professional development to stay on top of the ever-changing education landscape. Collectively, school board members in Michigan have spent about 7,000 hours attending training and professional development. They're dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students."

It's an exciting and challenging time in public education. School board members in Romeo Community Schools develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They bear responsibility and oversight for an annual budget of \$50 million, 5300 students, 500+ employees and 10 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," Whitney said. "They preserve the core of our democracy—public education."

The men and woman serving on our Board of Education includes President: Mrs. Anita Banach, Vice-President: Mr. Chris Young, Secretary: Mr. Mike Antoine, Treasurer: Dr. Gus Demas, and Trustees Wayne Conner II, Mrs. Kim Barrows and Mrs. Jill Rilley. We welcome new members Mrs. Barrows and Mrs. Rilley.

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