

School Board Recognition Week

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(Watertown) — The New York State School Boards Association recognizes October 21 - 25 as School Board Recognition Week. This is a time to promote awareness and understanding of the important work performed by school board members. Watertown City School District is joining all public school districts across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Week to honor local board members for their commitment to Watertown and its children.

“It takes strong schools to build a strong community, and our board members devote countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level,” Patricia LaBarr said. “They make the tough decisions every month and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect.”

Superintendent LaBarr said the key work of school boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Creating a shared vision for the future of education
- Setting the direction of the school district to achieve the highest student performance
- Providing accountability for student achievement results
- Developing a budget that aligns district resources to improve achievement
- Supporting a healthy school district culture in which to work and to learn
- And much more!

“School board members give Watertown citizens a voice in education decision making. Even though we make a special effort to show our appreciation this month, their contribution is a year-round commitment,” LaBarr said.

The members serving our district and their years of service are as follows:

Beth A. Linderman, 6 years

Maria T Mesires, 4 years

Nancy C. Henry, 3 years

Michael R. Struchen, 3 years

Culley T. Gosier, 2 years

Jason B. Harrington

Suzanne Renzi-Falge

School board members will be recognized at the district’s October 15th BOE meeting at Ohio Elementary.