



**Adoption Resolution  
January 7, 2026**

*State of New Jersey*

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Resolution in Honor of New Jersey School Board Recognition Month**

**Whereas**, the New Jersey State Board of Education has established rigorous standards through its promulgation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which set the expectations of academic achievement for 1.3 million public schoolchildren; and

**Whereas**, New Jersey's locally elected and appointed boards of education play a vital role in ensuring that their local school districts meet state standards and adhere to state and federal education statute and regulations, with the goal of preparing all students for college and the workplace, thereby enabling them to compete in a global economy; and

**Whereas**, New Jersey's 5,000 non-partisan district board of education members and charter school trustees are public servants who dedicate their time, without pay or benefit, to the oversight of school district operations, through sound financial practices and comprehensive policies on curriculum, staffing and other areas to ensure the well-being and academic achievement of all students in the district; and

**Whereas**, local boards of education, in conjunction with state education officials and local educators, have built a foundation of success that has led to New Jersey's status as a leader in student achievement, as evidenced by the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores; and

**Whereas**, the New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2026 to be School Board Recognition Month; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize the contributions of the state's local boards of education to the academic success of public school students and expresses its sincere appreciation to local board of education members for their continued focus on the achievement of children throughout New Jersey; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education encourage qualified New Jersey citizens to consider serving as members of their local boards of education.

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Kevin Dehmer, Commissioner of Education  
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education

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Kathy Goldenberg, President  
N.J. State Board of Education