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Superintendent



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Dear Northville School Families, Staff and Community Members,

I hope you will join me, along with the entire Northville schools community, in honoring the crucial role our Northville Board of Education members play in the lives of our children, our schools and our community during **School Board Recognition Month in January**.

Public education is the backbone of American society and local school boards are deeply rooted in this tradition. Their job is to establish the district's vision, mission and goals and develop policies to achieve them; to strongly encourage continuous improvement in student learning; and to advocate at the local, state and national level in support of public education. This work includes an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals and other documents to read and study; and a never-ending commitment to thoughtful consideration of the issues, balancing perspectives, and making difficult decisions that are both fiscally responsible and focused on what is best for students.

We are fortunate at Northville Public Schools to have a Board of Education that supports our quest to open *A World of Possibilities* for and with each and every student that will prepare them for work and life in the 21st century. Together with district leaders, the seven members of the Northville Board of Education develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our school district, and in turn our community. They bear the responsibility and oversight for an annual general fund budget of more than \$80 million, 7,151 students, 863 employees, and 11 buildings. Our Board of Education consistently gives the gift of time, expertise, heart and soul to ensuring we have strong schools focused on meeting the needs of our students, families, staff and community, beginning with our youngest learners in our nationally accredited Early Childhood Education and Extended Day Program to our Northville High School and Cooke School Special Education Center Program graduates.

While we make a special effort in January to show appreciation to our school board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. With this in mind, I invite all the members of our community to make a special effort during School Board Recognition Month to tell our Board of Education members that their hard work, dedication and commitment of time on behalf of our community's children has been noticed, and is truly appreciated and valued. It can be as simple as writing a note, sending an email, making a phone call or simply saying "thank you" the next time you see a Board member out in the community. The individuals serving Northville Public Schools and their years of service are:

- **Ms. Cynthia L. Jankowski**, seven years
- **Mr. Matthew Wilk**, six-and-a-half years
- **Mr. Roland Hwang**, four years
- **Ms. Sarah Prescott**, three years and four months
- **Ms. Laurie Doner**, two years

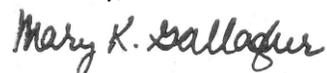
- **Ms. Angela Jaafar**, began four-year term January 1, 2019
- **Ms. Suzanne Lynn**, began four-year term January 1, 2019

We also recognize the following Board of Education members, who completed their terms on December 31, 2018:

- **Mr. James Mazurek**, eight years
- **Ms. Ann Kalass**, five years

We welcome incoming Board of Education trustees **Angela Jaafar** and **Suzanne Lynn**, elected to office in the November 6, 2018 Election along with **Roland Hwang**, who was elected to a second four-year term. We look forward to their leadership and service on our Board of Education. I also want to express a special thanks on behalf of the entire Northville community to **Ann Kalass** and **James Mazurek** who stepped down from the Board at the end of December after completing eight and five year terms, respectively. We appreciate Ms. Kalass' and Mr. Mazurek's leadership and service in support of the children and families of Northville, and recognize the impact they both have had as members of the Board of Education.

Sincerely,



Mary K. Gallagher,
Superintendent