



January School Board Recognition Month

WHEREAS, an excellent public education system is vital to the quality of life for all California citizens and communities; and

WHEREAS, our public education system has faced unprecedented circumstances these past two years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, our local school boards acted immediately to ensure our children's academic, social-emotional, physical and mental health needs continued to be met at a time when students needed consistent services most; and

WHEREAS, school board members continue to advocate to best serve the children in our community each and every day; and

WHEREAS, local school board members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

WHEREAS, school board members work closely with parents, educational professionals and other community members to create the healthiest environments possible where all students can thrive; and

WHEREAS, school board members are responsible for building and maintaining the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

WHEREAS, school board members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the public schools to meet the diverse educational needs of all children and to empower them to become competent, productive contributors to a democratic society and an ever-changing world is more poignant than ever before;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Lois M. Peterson, Superintendent/Principal do hereby declare my appreciation to the members of the School Board and proclaim the month of January 2022, as School Board Recognition Month in Santa Barbara County, Vista Del Mar Union School District, Gaviota, CA. I urge all community members to join me in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to create an education system that meets the needs of our children.

