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Rainier School District #13

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Rainier Community celebrates 'School Board Recognition Month'

Rainier School District #13 joins the other 196 school districts throughout Oregon to celebrate January as "School Board Recognition Month," Superintendent Dr. Hattrick announced.

"Our school board members spend countless hours of unpaid time working to provide the best possible education for our students," said Superintendent Hattrick. "They also serve as the governing board of directors for one of our community's largest employers. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say thanks for all they do."

"School board members represent their fellow citizens' views and priorities in the complex enterprise of maintaining and running the community's public schools," Hattrick said. "They also reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Oregon."

"Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized," Hattrick said.

"The school board's main goal is to support student achievement," Hattrick added. To achieve that goal, the board focuses on the following needs:

- Creating a vision for what parents and citizens want their school district to become and how to make student achievement the top priority
- Setting standards for what students must learn and be able to do
- Assessing whether schools achieve their goals, and whether students are learning
- Accounting for the outcomes of decisions and by tracking progress and reporting results
- Aligning the use of the district's human and financial resources
- Creating a safe and orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach
- Collaborating to solve common problems and to support common successes
- Focusing on continuous improvement by questioning, examining, revising, refining and revisiting issues related to student achievement.

"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation for our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to improving student achievement and to fighting for the best for all of our students," Hattrick said.



*Not pictured.

Elizabeth Richardson, Director, Zone 1



Jeff Flatt, Director, Zone 2

"I enjoy giving back to the community!"



Rod Harding, Director, Zone 3

"My favorite part about serving on the school board is working to support the students, staff and Rainier community. It has been a pleasure for the last 25 years to see all the accomplishments of our students."



Noel Hisey, Director 4

“The thing I like about being on the board is, I get to help my kids’ schools and our community.”



Kari Hollander, Board Chair, Zone 5

“My favorite part about serving on the school board is listening to our community and being their voice in the boardroom, as well as working with the other board members to cause action in our district for the success of our kids.”



Elaine Placido, Director, Zone 6 At Large

“My favorite part about serving on the board is serving the community and having the opportunity to look forward, creating and supporting an environment for success for all students.”



Darren Vaughn, Director, Zone 7 At Large

“One of my favorite parts about being a school board member is the participation in the collaborative effort to solve difficult issues.”