

KNOW YOUR SCHOOLS
From the Office of the Superintendent
Jasper County Community Unit School District #1
Our Vision: Working Together – Pursuing Excellence!

When it comes to selfless giving, school board members deserve thanks from everyone in the community because they represent so many different facets of the community. While school board members are ordinary people, they all have one thing in common: an extraordinary dedication to Jasper County Schools. And it's time we thanked them for their untiring efforts.

Everyone knows that board members attend meetings, but those hours represent just a fraction of the actual time that they devote to leading our school district. They attend extracurricular events to support our schools and students. They also attend seminars to learn how to be better board members. And often they are involved in other community activities, representing themselves, our community and our district.

More than any other public servant, school board members must listen to the voices of our community and then craft a vision, mission and goals for the district to accurately reflect those voices in the design. They must guard two of the community's most precious resources — their children and their tax dollars — while they create the best educational environment possible with the money available.

At times, some people are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into their decisions. As a result, the efforts of school board members often go unrecognized and unrewarded.

November 15, 2011, has been designated as School Board Members Day in Illinois. This week is a chance to show appreciation and to begin to better understand how school board members work together to provide leadership for schools.

Help us join with others from throughout Illinois to say “thank you” to our school board members who provide the governance for Jasper County Schools by making a special effort to tell each school board member his or her hard work has been noticed and is very much appreciated.

Thank you Fred Huddlestun, Gordon Millsap, Melinda Barthelme, Anthony Richards, Holly Farley, Mike Knepper and Mindy Street for your service to our community, our schools and our students.