



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

To catch a glimpse of the Texas of tomorrow, we need only look into the classrooms of today. The boys and girls presently enrolled in our schools will, in due time, take the reins of the nation and determine the destiny of our people. In their prescience, our founders knew that the American democratic experiment could succeed only if our population remained virtuous and educated, and our schools promote the very enlightenment upon which our republic depends. Consequently, the task that befalls our school boards is of the utmost importance.

Recognizing that our educational system is foundational to our social order, individual schools and districts are answerable to the people through elected school boards. These boards set a vision for their district based on students' needs and community values. They uphold standards of rigor, achievement, discipline, and decency, and they provide a forum in which concerned parents and citizens can involve themselves in the educational process and make their voices heard on pressing issues. Ultimately, meaningful progress must be initiated at the grassroots level, and to this end, school boards ensure that the concerns of parents and citizens alike are addressed.

A child's God-given capacity is practically unlimited, and to unlock the fullness of this potential, we must all support the efforts of local school boards in any way we can. We must likewise remain informed about issues facing our school districts, never forgetting that these bodies are accountable to the citizenry.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to acknowledge and celebrate the thousands of school board trustees who voluntarily serve the next generation of leaders. From the Panhandle to the Gulf of Mexico, our school board members advocate on behalf of our children, strive to provide them the best possible education, and ensure that their needs—and those of their parents—remain a central focus. In so doing, they pave the way for a better, brighter future for the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 2023 to be

## School Board Recognition Month

in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature, this the  
18th day of November, 2022.

  
Governor of Texas

