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Dear Community Members,

January is School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to recognize the individuals who approach their volunteer work like it is a full-time job and with extraordinary dedication to public schools. They are citizens whose decisions affect our children and build our community.

School boards are charged with making decisions that can sometimes be quite difficult or require sifting through a great deal of information. They contribute hundreds of hours each year leading Coldwater Community Schools.

Collectively, school board members across the state spend more than 7,500 hours on professional development to keep well-informed of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities, and spend many hours at extracurricular events.

Through their dedication, collaboration with other school district staff, governance, and advocacy, they are building the future of education in Michigan.

This month, we encourage all members of the community to thank a board member. Take this opportunity to show our year-round appreciation for these servant leaders and begin to better understand how local trustees work together to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders.

The men and women serving Coldwater Community Schools and their years of service are:

Edward C. Lake, Jr.	22 years of continuous service
Clair Dean	13 years of continuous service
Ronald Lanford	8 years of continuous service
Jeffrey Holbrook	7 years of continuous service
Kathryn Frederick	4 years of continuous service
Kristin Lyon-Welch	2 years of continuous service
Bob Steel	2 years of continuous service

Again, Coldwater Community Schools continues to thrive and grow due to the ongoing support from our school board.

Sincerely,

Paul Flynn
Superintendent

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Chief Financial Officer

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