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MASON PUBLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATES OUR SCHOOL BOARD LEADERS THIS JANUARY "School Boards Lead"

January is School Board Recognition Month and Mason Public Schools is joining 541 local and 56 intermediate school districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their untiring dedication to public education.

"Serving on a school board has been described as the 'toughest volunteer job in America.' Yet Michigan's public school board members dedicate countless personal hours to attending meetings, school functions, and hours of preparation for the decisions they make," said Ronald Drzewicki, Superintendent. "On top of that, many pursue their own professional development to stay on top of the ever-changing education landscape. Collectively, school board members in Michigan have spent more than 7,500 hours attending training and professional development. They're dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students."

It's an exciting and challenging time in public education. School board members in Mason Public Schools develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They bear responsibility and oversight for an annual budget of \$32 million, 3,200 students, 410 employees, and six buildings.

"We proudly join educators and community members in saluting these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities," Drzewicki said. "They preserve the core of our democracy—public education."

The district held a brief reception prior to the Monday, January 8, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

The men and women serving Mason Public Schools and their years of service are: Ralph Beebe – 15 years; Laura Cheney – 6.5 years; Kurt Creamer – 5 years; Tim Ayres – 1 year; Liz Evans – 1 year; Christopher Mumby – 1 year; Steve Duane – 5 months.