## Press Release LESA SCHOOL BOARD MONTH

January has been established annually as School Board Recognition Month, and the Livingston Educational Service Agency, at their meeting on Wednesday night, joined districts across the nation in recognizing their school board and school boards within Livingston County.

During a presentation at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting, the Livingston Educational Service Agency Board of Education members were recognized as part of School Board Recognition Month for their dedicated service to the Agency. Gifts made by students attending Agency programs were shared with board members, and heartfelt words of appreciation from members of the administrative team were also shared with board members. "You have allowed us to do some amazing work to support children and families in our community. We could never thank you enough!" said Assistant Superintendent for Early Learning Sean LaRosa.

"Livingston County should be very proud of their school board members," said Superintendent Dr. Michael Hubert. "School Board members are elected to shoulder important district decisions and to support the success and safety of each student. They oversee school district budgets, ensure compliance with education laws, establish policy, monitor strategic direction, and provide inspiration for their districts to narrow the educational opportunity gap and help students learn and enjoy their educational experiences. The celebration of School Board Recognition Month is just one way to say thanks for all they do."

Board President LuAnn Loy also shared words of appreciation for all the local district school boards organized in Livingston County. "During an unprecedented

and challenging school year, school board members across Livingston county continue to demonstrate an unwavering commitment to helping ALL children succeed by improving teaching and learning in their district."

Since its inception in 1989, Michigan Governors have proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to recognize and raise awareness of the countless efforts and contributions made by local school boards and school board members throughout Michigan. When the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) launched the School Board Recognition program in Michigan, only five states celebrated this special month. Today, nearly every state and governor participates.

Livingston ESA is a service agency specializing in education. We are one of Michigan's 56 educational service agencies, also known as Intermediate School Districts. Our 650-plus employees provide a wide variety of special education, early childhood, career development, and collaborative services to the public and private schools in Livingston County daily.

Our services are centered around advancing student literacy, narrowing the socioeconomic achievement gap, supporting student social and emotional well-being, improving student opportunities to learn, and helping our schools by streamlining transportation, broadening the availability of student services, and providing professional development opportunities to enhance the skills of teachers and staff.

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