



St. Joseph County ISD

Building Better Futures for Children and Communities

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- ◆ Early Childhood
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- ◆ Special Education
- ◆ Technology

PATHFINDER CENTER

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Off-Site Classrooms

- ◆ Centreville Elementary
Level 5A
- ◆ Constantine Riverside Elem.
Level 5E
- ◆ Constantine Jr. High
Level 5E
- ◆ Mendon Elementary
Level 5E
- ◆ Mendon Jr./Sr. High
Level 5E
- ◆ Sturgis Life Skills Center
Level 5F
- ◆ Three Rivers Life Skills Center
Level 5F
- ◆ White Pigeon High School
Level 5E

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- ◆ Burr Oak Community Schools
- ◆ Centreville Public Schools
- ◆ Colon Community Schools
- ◆ Constantine Public Schools
- ◆ Mendon Community Schools
- ◆ Nottawa Community School
- ◆ Sturgis Public Schools
- ◆ Three Rivers Community Schools
- ◆ White Pigeon Community Schools

Letter to the Editor

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January ~ National School Board Recognition Month School Board Members Honored In January

During the month of January we salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education across St. Joseph County. Michigan's theme of this year's celebration, "School Boards LeadStrong," reflects our combined commitment to leadership and accountability assuring that ALL children succeed.

School board members develop the policies used by administrators daily to ensure appropriate education for all children. In your school district, school board members make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues impacting the entire community. They bear the responsibility for district budgets, employment of highly qualified staff, and facilities that enhance the learning of students. They carry out the truest form of representative government in our democracy - volunteer public service - and preserve the core of our democratic land - public education.

Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. Take a moment to recognize and celebrate the work of your school trustees. Invite them out for coffee or drop them a note of thanks.

Thank you to these educational leaders and their combined 508+ years of dedicated experience to kids.

★ Burr Oak Community Schools

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Mary Baldrige	10
Donette Cooper	3
Jennifer Gould	6
Kimberly Greene	13
Tracy Larsen	4
Karen Ochampaugh	17
Dennis Root	16

★ Centreville Public Schools

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Heather Bright	1
Rod Detweiler	Appointed 2011
Barb Eash	Appointed 2011
Scott Logan	Elected 2011
Dave Peterson	7
Brian Petosky	4
Mark Trowbridge	3

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★ **Colon Community Schools**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Ernie Baker	4
Eric Bower	7
Jennifer Greenwald	2
Wendell Gruner	Elected 2011
Sean Stouder	1
Michelle Thibideau	3
Eric Wagner	3

★ **Glen Oaks Community College**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Dave Allen	4 (plus ½ previous year on GOCC Board)
Diana DeGraaf	1
Bruce Gosling	8
Patrick Haas	12
James Moshier	14
Ruth Perry	14
Nancy Percival	Appointed 2011

★ **Nottawa Community School**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Jim Brandon	28
Keith Borgert	40
Audrey Borkholder	4
John Hochstetler	6
Ron Rosenbaum	10

★ **Sturgis Public Schools**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Ann Bird	4
Frank Kalasky	14
LeeAnn McConnell	10
Kerri Millett	12
Tom Robertson	5
Geoffrey Smith	7
Raymond Sterling	3

★ **White Pigeon Community Schools**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Dan Cropsey	1
Joseph Komins	6 (plus 1 previous year on White Pigeon Board)
Michael Krajniak	4
Paul Roe	2
Fred Shaffer	6
Joe Taylor	1
Christie West	Elected 2011

★ **Constantine Public Schools**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Terry Burgess	6
Chuck Colley	5
Connie Dalrymple	3
Scott Manning	Elected 2011
Mary Smith	8
John Shuler	5
Pat Touse	4

★ **Mendon Community Schools**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Dune Batten	2 (plus 4 previous years on Mendon Board)
Roger Cupp	2 (plus 16 previous years on Mendon Board)
Jim Fassett	7
Shane Griffith	1
Keith Heitkamp	2
Regina Schinker	Elected 2011
Linda Thompson	10

★ **St. Joseph County ISD**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Sally Boeschenstein	5
Mike Bosma	Appointed 2011 (plus 4 years on Three Rivers Board)
Michele Bush	4 (plus 15 previous years on White Pigeon Board)
Elizabeth O'Dell	18
Robert Trenary	9 (plus 11 previous years on Mendon Board)

★ **Three Rivers Community Schools**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Peter Bennett	5
Mike Bosma	4
David Kutz	Elected 2011
John Rentfrow	15
Susan Schmidtendorff	17
Christy Trammel	2
Waneta Truckey	7