

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

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Thank you Sherman County School District Board of Directors. Your dedication to the students and staff of the Sherman County School District is greatly appreciated.

Back row: Bill Martin, Liz Mills, Ted von Borstel

Front row: Ken Melzer, Verna Simantel

School Board Recognition Month

Each year the month of January is designated School Board Recognition Month by the Oregon School Board Association. School Board members in the Sherman County School District spend countless hours of unpaid time working to provide the best possible education for our students. They also serve as the board of directors for one of our community's largest employers. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say thanks for all they do.

Way too often we forget about the personal sacrifices and important role that School Board members play in the education of our children. In the truly American tradition of representative democracy, our School Board members represent their fellow citizens' views and priorities in the complex process of maintaining and running the Sherman County School District. They also reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Oregon. The responsibility of policy making and governance is extremely important and many times the Sherman County School Board must make difficult decisions. Our Board members work on committees that are assigned specific responsibilities and work in collaboration with staff members and administration to create a school district that is the best for Sherman County. The School Board's main goal is to support student achievement for all students. In addition, they help communicate a vision, formulate goals, allocate funding, and help set the course for exceptional educational programming.

Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation for our School Board members, we need to remember their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part. Please join me in thanking Bill Martin, Ken Melzer, Elizabeth Mills, Verna Simantel, and Ted von Borstel for their unselfish and diligent efforts for the Sherman County School District. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to improving student achievement and supporting all students and employees.

Sincerely,

Wes Owens