



Celebrating School Board Week

Thank you for all the work you do! Your dedication, commitment and service are truly inspiring and I'm proud to announce that Gov. Scott Walker has proclaimed Oct. 1-7 as Wisconsin School Board Week. Each year, we look forward to this special week as the entire state joins us in honoring you — our state's school board members. You deserve the recognition.

We encourage all school districts and communities to recognize and thank their school board members as we work to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our communities.

The work that you do at the local, state and federal levels is absolutely crucial for the health of public education in our state, and doesn't go unnoticed. I think this was especially apparent as school board members from around the state contacted their legislators and testified at the state Capitol, advocating for public education in the state

budget. Because of your work, we will have a more favorable state budget for per-pupil funding than we have had in years.

See this month's Capitol Watch column on page 22 for an in-depth look at the state budget and the impacts it might have on public education. For the latest updates, follow our Legislative Update blog at wasblegupdate.wasb.org.

In addition to all the activity at the state level, we have been busy with a number of special events this fall. I am on the road most days this month traveling around the state for our Fall Regional Meetings. I always enjoy these local events and connecting with districts across the state to thank you for playing an important role in the success of our association and public education in Wisconsin.

Additionally, these meetings give you an opportunity to network with other school board members, receive an update on legislative activities and learn about the WASB's activi-

ties and plans. If your meeting has not already taken place, I encourage you to attend your Fall Regional Meeting.

The WASB is hosting several other important events this fall as well. The WSAA/WASB School Law Seminar is Oct. 20 in Madison and the Legislative Advocacy Conference is Nov. 4 in Stevens Point. We are also providing a series of workshops this month focused on a variety of school board governance issues including using data, operating effectively as a board, community engagement, and board-superintendent relations. These events will help school board members develop skills and knowledge to be better school leaders.

I hope to see you at this fall's meetings and thank you for all that you do throughout the year. I look forward to working with each and every one of you as we move public education forward in Wisconsin. ■

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