

Introduced by Senator Allen

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Senate Resolution No. 12—Relative to school governance.

1 WHEREAS, An excellent and continuously improving public
2 education system is vital to the quality of life of all California
3 citizens and communities; and

4 WHEREAS, California has nearly 1,000 school districts and
5 county offices of education throughout the state, represented by
6 nearly 5,000 school board members accounting for the largest
7 number of locally elected officials in the state; and

8 WHEREAS, The first school district in the United States was
9 established in 1721; and

10 WHEREAS, Local school district governing boards and county
11 boards of education are a central part of our democracy; and

12 WHEREAS, The mission of public schools to meet the diverse
13 educational needs of all children and to empower pupils to become
14 productive and thoughtful contributors to a democratic society and
15 an ever-changing world is more important now than ever before;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Local school boards consistently work to ensure
18 that every pupil’s academic, social-emotional, physical, and mental
19 health needs are a priority; and

20 WHEREAS, Each and every day, school board members
21 continue to advocate to best serve children and parents in our
22 communities; and

23 WHEREAS, Local school board members are committed to
24 pupils and believe that all pupils can be successful learners and
25 that the best education is tailored towards providing every pupil
26 with an opportunity to learn; and

1 WHEREAS, School board members work closely with parents,
2 certificated and classified educational professionals, and other
3 community members to create effective learning environments
4 where all pupils can thrive; and

5 WHEREAS, School board members are responsible for building
6 and maintaining the structures that provide a solid foundation for
7 our public school system; and

8 WHEREAS, School board members are strong advocates for
9 public education who are responsible for communicating the needs
10 of the schools and for understanding the interests and expectations
11 of the diverse communities that they represent; and

12 WHEREAS, School Board Recognition Month is an ideal time
13 to recognize and celebrate the Californians serving on school
14 district governing boards and county boards of education who help
15 guide the education of pupils in kindergarten and grades 1 to 12,
16 inclusive, and who prepare these pupils for the opportunities and
17 challenges of the 21st century and beyond; now, therefore, be it

18 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
19 hereby declares the state’s appreciation to every school board and
20 school board member in California and recognizes their dedicated
21 commitment to serving the needs of pupils in our communities by
22 proclaiming the month of January 2023 as School Board
23 Recognition Month; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Senate of the State of California urges all
25 community members to join the Senate in recognizing the
26 dedication and hard work of local school board members and to
27 work with local school board members to create an education
28 system that meets the needs of all of our children; and be it further

29 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
30 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.