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Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Devotion. Commitment. Resilience.

These are just a few of the words that describe the professionals who comprise Maryland's 24 local boards of education.

The dedicated public servants who lead the school systems in Maryland counties and Baltimore City act with deep commitment to their communities and their time-intensive school board duties. Maryland school board members make critical budget and planning decisions, adopt policies to create supportive learning environments for all students, engage with parents, students, school staff, and other community stakeholders, work closely with Superintendents, respond to crises, undergo ongoing training to carry out effective governance, continue to grow as leaders, and stay up-to-date on the latest best practices.

As devoted professionals who serve students, school systems, and their communities at large, Maryland school board members face an array of daunting challenges every day – challenges made significantly more difficult and complex during the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, Maryland's 24 school boards have consistently risen to these challenges, working to ensure excellence in public education throughout the State.

School board members come from all backgrounds and professions. They may not agree on every issue, but they unite and volunteer to serve under the strong conviction that Maryland students come first.

Because of the extraordinary, continuing commitment of those who serve on our school boards to helping Maryland students grow, thrive and excel each day – and with my ongoing commitment to Maryland public education in mind – I'm proud to recognize January as Maryland School Board Recognition Month.

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