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### SCHOOL BOARD LEADERS HONORED IN JANUARY "School Boards LeadStrong"

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the State Board of Education have recognized January as School Board Recognition Month, and **Cadillac Area Public Schools** is joining 552 local and 57 intermediate school districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their untiring dedication to public education.

"Michiganders benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 4,000 men and women across the state," said **Paul Liabenow, Superintendent**. "These public servants are elected to serve by our community and receive little recognition for the difficult job that they do. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the continuing success of our schools and students."

In a climate of change and challenge, **Cadillac Area Public School** board members develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and impact individual students.

"We proudly join educators and community members in saluting these education advocates as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of our community's children and families," said **Liabenow**. "They preserve the core of our democracy—public education."

**The Cadillac Area Public Schools Board of Education will be recognized at their next meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010.**

The men and women serving **Cadillac Area Public School** and their years of service are **Craig T. Weidner since 1984, Steve Anderson 2002, Gary S. Rexford since 1993, Eric Baker since 2004, Judy Coffey since 2006, Roger Hopkins since 2006, Mike Stebbins since 2008.**

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