

**PROCLAMATION
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS DAY**

- WHEREAS,** school board members are elected to sit in trust for their diverse communities, and in that capacity are charged with meeting the community's expectations and aspirations for the public education of their children; and
- WHEREAS,** school board members are entrusted with the guardianship and wise expenditure of scarce tax dollars; they are responsible for maintaining and preserving the buildings, grounds, and other areas of the school district that the community has put in their trust; and
- WHEREAS,** school board members are responsible for providing leadership that ensures a clear, shared vision of public education for their schools, that sets high standards for the education of all students, and requires the effective and efficient operation of their districts; and
- WHEREAS,** school board members adopt public policy to give voice to that leadership and employ a superintendent to administer board policy; they are also responsible for the regular monitoring of the district's performance and compliance with state policy; and
- WHEREAS,** school board members selflessly donate countless hours to public service with no compensation; and
- WHEREAS,** employers are supportive of their employees who serve as school board members, generously lending support and time; employers give their employees the opportunity to better serve the needs of the school districts and citizens they represent through sometimes tremendous sacrifice to the employer; and
- WHEREAS,** decisions made by school board members directly impact the quality of life in their communities, placing them at the front line of American democracy;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2008 as **School Board Members Day** in the Village of Lombard as a way to honor those citizens who devote so much of their time and energy for the education of our children.

William J. Mueller
Village President

