



Maple Lake Public Schools

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Minnesota School Board Recognition Week scheduled for February 22-26

(Maple Lake, MN) — The Minnesota School Boards Association has set February 22-26 as Minnesota School Board Recognition Week to build awareness and understanding of the vital function elected school board members play in our society. Maple Lake Public School is joining other public school districts from across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Week to honor local board members for their commitment to Maple Lake and its students.

“Strong schools help build strong communities – and the Maple Lake School Board devotes countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level,” Superintendent Mike Rowe said. “School board members make the difficult decisions every month – and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect.”

The Maple Lake School Board is most proud of:

- The hard work, organization, and overall pivot the school teams made to distance learning. They kept their focus on the students and remained positive and supportive, meeting students and families with grace and compassion.
- The arts programs at Maple Lake are so impactful for students. These programs allow them to be brave. Teachers push students in a supportive manner that open their world to so many opportunities.
- Our teachers are dedicated to their students.
- The support staff and administration work hard to keep the school running smoothly and efficiently.
- Maple Lake being a smaller school allows us to have a more personal relationship with the students and keep class sizes smaller.
- The “can do” attitude. What everyone has done to get students back into the school after the past year is fantastic.
- The open communication and transparency. This has a lot to do with where we are at today.
- The teachers and staff that continue to show up for our students each and every day.

“Even though we’re making a special effort to show our appreciation this month, school board members’ work is a year-round commitment,” Superintendent Rowe said.

The members serving our district and their years of service are as follows: Chris Paumen (4), Joe Mavencamp (6), Lowell Benson (2), Bill Neumann (4), Colleen Carlson (new), Kaitlyn Helmbrecht (new), and Joe Paumen (8).