



NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
*Engaging, Enriching, and Empowering All Students  
through a World-Class Education*

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### **SCHOOL BOARD DIRECTOR RECOGNITION MONTH**

In honor of our School Boards' commitment to our students, schools and communities, January is designated School Director Recognition Month.

Pennsylvania public schools educate nearly 2 million students and 1,306 are in the New Hope-Solebury School District. The nine members of each local school board are a key part of the school district's administrative team, making informed decisions that shape public schools and provide a pathway to success for every student.

To thank these locally elected officials, the New Hope-Solebury School District will be recognizing them at our January meeting of the Board of School Directors.

On average, school directors, who are unpaid, devote up to 10 hours per month to the challenging and complex responsibilities of board business, including adopting policy, voting on budgets, evaluating school security issues and reviewing hiring decisions. The impact of the coronavirus pandemic has added an additional challenge to school boards, as they determine how best to provide for the needs of student sand their families in this new environment.

The New Hope-Solebury School Board has taken the step of adopting the PSBA Principals for Governance and Leadership- a framework of action steps designed to increase boards' effectiveness. According to research by education research firm CRA, school board actions have a direct effect on student achievement. Therefore, it is crucial that boards engage in actions that increase their effectiveness, for the betterment of the students they serve.

In New Hope-Solebury School District our School Board has been instrumental in navigating all the challenges associated with the coronavirus pandemic, building our capital fund in order to finance school district projects to prevent deferred maintenance, and sought to ensure the highest quality educational programs and activities. Our Board has been instrumental in continuing to ensure the excellence of the New Hope-Solebury School District and we thank them for their service to our school district community.

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