

## NEWS RELEASE

### **School board members deserve community “thank you.”**

Bloomingtondale – November 15, 2011, has been designated as School Board Members Day in Illinois, and Bloomingtondale is joining other districts across the state to thank these community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to public schools.

“Our school board members serve without monetary compensation to make public education the best it can be for every child,” said Kim Perkins, District #13 superintendent. “During these trying fiscal times, they develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students. They bear responsibility and oversight in District #13 for an annual budget of \$18 million; 1200 students in grades PK to 8; more than 200 employees; and three buildings.

“Preparing today’s students to be productive citizens and the leaders in a global economy is a tremendous task. As elected officials, school board members are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our schoolchildren,” Superintendent Perkins said.

“Often we take for granted the service that these education advocates provide. Taking time out to say ‘thank you’ is the least we can do as they provide vision and leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities,” Superintendent Perkins said. “Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made locally by those most familiar with the needs of our community. School board members deserve recognition and thanks for their unfailing commitment to the continuing success of our students now and in the future.”

The men and women serving Bloomingtondale School District 13 are: Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, since November 1999; Mr. Terence McKeown, since December 2001; Ms. Tamara Peterson, since April 2003; Mrs. Diane Birkley, since April 2005; Mrs. Fina Klco, since November 2007; Mr. Cary Moreth, since October 2008; and Mrs. Susan Lancaster, since April 2011.