

**Clinton Herald**  
**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

We appreciate board members' service

The Clinton Community School District will join public education systems throughout the state to salute their local school board members and celebrate public education during Iowa's annual School Board Recognition Month in May.

Iowa school board members are chosen by their communities through public election to manage local schools. Our local school board oversees an annual budget of \$42 million, 3,650 students, over 600 employees and 10 buildings.

These volunteer leaders also are responsible for formulating school system policy, approving curricula, maintaining school facilities and adhering to state and federal education law. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

During the time the majority of this board has been in place, the Clinton district has grown considerably in student achievement, facilities and financial stability. Please join me by saying "thanks" to our school board members.

The men and women serving the Clinton Community School District and their years of service are Jack Wenzel, president, seven years; Jim McGraw, vice president, 13 years; Dana Evers, four years; Eric Gettes, four years; Jenny Green, six years; Angela Ash, two years; and Gregg Obren, seven years.

In sincere gratefulness,

*Deb Olson, Clinton School District superintendent*