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Keeneyville School District 20 Board Earns IASB Governance Recognition

Board honored for exemplary leadership, continuous learning and community engagement.



Pictured left to right: Board President Farwa Ahmed, Board Secretary Brett Seehafer, Board Member Terre Taylor, Board Member Lynne Steiner, Board Vice President Sarah Dellaria, Board Member Natalie Kucharski, Board Member Amanda Coppola.

HANOVER PARK, Ill. (Nov. 6, 2025) – The Keeneyville School District 20 Board of Education has been recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards for exemplary governance. Keeneyville is one of 42 Illinois districts to earn the School Board Governance Recognition, which honors boards that demonstrate effective leadership and a commitment to continuous improvement.

The IASB program highlights boards that model good governance as outlined in its [Foundational Principles of Effective Governance](#). Recognition is based on full board participation and development over a two-year period.

“It’s no surprise that our Board of Education earned this honor,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Omar Castillo. “They consistently seek out opportunities to strengthen their governance and leadership for the benefit of our students, staff and community. Their commitment to learning, collaboration and accountability reflects the values of our district.”

Keeneyville's board earned recognition for its commitment to:

- **Strategic communication** — Launched a new strategic plan in 2023 with input from students, families, staff, and community members. The plan is shared via the district website, social media, email and public presentations to ensure transparency.
- **Superintendent evaluation** — Conducts annual evaluations using board feedback, staff surveys and a self-assessment to ensure meaningful performance reviews and goal setting.
- **Community engagement** — Builds strong connections through advisory committees, inclusive hiring practices and responsive communication tools like ParentSquare, which enhances outreach to multilingual families.

IASB's School Board Governance Recognition program showcases how strong governance positively impacts students, staff and the broader community. It also highlights how continuous learning by board members leads to improved decision-making and district outcomes.

"Our board is deeply committed to our students and district," said Board President Farwa Ahmed. "Effective governance takes time, effort and a dedication to continuous learning. Much of our work happens outside of meetings — studying issues, engaging with the community and advocating for our schools. It's a demanding role, but incredibly rewarding to see our students thrive."

IASB is a voluntary organization of local boards of education dedicated to strengthening public schools through local citizen control. Although not part of state government, IASB is organized by member school boards as a private not-for-profit corporation under authority granted by Article 23 of the Illinois School Code.

More information about the IASB Governance Recognition and a list of honored districts is available at www.iasb.com/news-listing. To learn more about Keeneyville's Board of Education, visit www.esd20.org/board-of-education/board-members.

About Keeneyville School District 20

Keeneyville School District 20 serves approximately 1,350 students from preschool through eighth grade across four public schools in Hanover Park, Illinois. Founded in 1887 and renamed for local developer Albert F. Keeney, the district has a proud history rooted in community growth and educational innovation. KSD20 supports families in Hanover Park, Bloomingdale, Keeneyville and Roselle, and employs more than 230 dedicated staff members. As the largest feeder to Lake Park High School District 108, the district is committed to inclusive, high-quality education that ignites each student's power and potential.

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