

Let's honor those who dedicate time and effort to their local public school and public education in South Dakota!

ASBSD encourages your district to nominate a board member, an individual, group or organization or your public school board for a 2026 ASBSD Award, which include: [Outstanding School Board Member of the Year](#), [Community Service Award](#) or [School Board Award of Excellence](#),

"Our school board members and their community members deserve recognition for the hard work and dedication they put into their district and we want to honor that commitment," ASBSD Executive Director Heath Larson said. "We encourage you to nominate these people for their efforts!"



[ASBSD School Board Award of Excellence:](#) The School Board Award of Excellence is given annually to a public school board that consistently demonstrates outstanding leadership that enhances the achievement for all students. A plaque and a scholarship award of \$1,000, which may be used, at the discretion of the board, will be presented to the recipient.

Download the [application here](#) or visit the [Documents page](#) where the application can be found under the Awards heading.



[Outstanding School Board Member:](#) Nominate a local board member who exemplifies extraordinary leadership of public education by implementing initiatives that spur student achievement, advocating for secure funding sources for K-12 education and setting high expectations for the district and themselves among other high-quality characteristics.

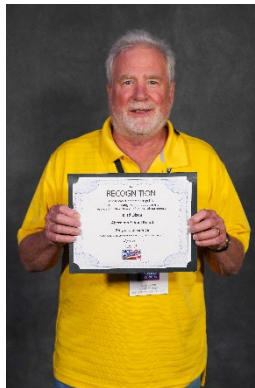
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ASBSD Community Service Award: is presented to individuals or groups serving their local school district in exemplary fashion. Award nominees have shown personal involvement to improve the quality of South Dakota public education.

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The deadline for application and name submission for each award is **Wednesday, July 1**. Applications for each award should be submitted to ASBSD Executive Secretary Katie Mitchell-Boe by mail to: PO Box 1059, Pierre, SD 57501 or by email to: katie@asbsd.org.



ASBSD will recognize local school board members for specific years of service on their local school board with the Distinguished Service Award. Board members entering their 6th, 10th, 15th, 20th and each five years thereafter in the 2026-27 school year will be honored. ASBSD will contact board members who will be honored in the near future.

Award recipients will be honored at the [2026 ASBSD-SASD Convention](#) in Sioux Falls on August 6.

If you have questions, please contact Katie via email at katie@asbsd.org or by phone at 605-773-2502.