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FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

Award shows school board members' commitment

It is rare for all members of a local school board to earn the prestigious New York State School Board Association's Master of Boardmanship Award. I am pleased to share with you that all seven of our school board members have achieved this recognition.

EDWARD A. LINCOLN



Edward A. Lincoln is president of the Rush-Henrietta Board of Education.

Thomas Nespeca, 1st vice president and Area 2 director for the New York State School Boards Association, recently presented trustee Phyllis Wickerham with her Master of Boardmanship Award. By earning this award, Wickerham, who was elected by the Rush-Henrietta community in 2007, demonstrated her desire to be informed about the issues

and better understand her responsibilities as a community servant, and continued to demonstrate the seriousness with which she takes her important volunteer position. Each member of the Rush-Henrietta Board of Education has shown a similar commitment to our community. We all have earned the Master of Boardmanship Award,

which is the highest honor bestowed by the New York State School Board Association's Leadership Development Recognition Program. To qualify for the recognition, a board member must participate in numerous professional development events and activities. This work includes completing eight School Board Institute courses, which cover important topics such as "Defining Team Roles and Responsibilities," "Community Collaboration for Student Achievement," and "Establishing Accountability, Assessment, and Continuous Improvement." These courses provide intense training that helps a school board member serve

in the most effective way possible.

The Master of Boardmanship Award recognizes the extensive commitment of time and effort put forth by board members intent on expanding their knowledge of education and skill in the governing of a school district. Phyllis Wickerham is one of only 22 school board members statewide to receive the Master of Boardmanship Award this year.

At the end of this school year, the collective service of the seven members of the Rush-Henrietta Board of Education will exceed 50 years. Our district is fortunate to have an experienced, talented and devoted school board.

The fact that we all earned the Master of Boardmanship Award is a testament to the seriousness with which we take our jobs. We thank the community for giving us the chance to serve.

Edward A. Lincoln is president of the Rush-Henrietta Board of Education. The Board of Education is comprised of seven community members elected to serve unpaid, three-year terms. The board members are Susan E. Banker; Edward A. Lincoln, president; Diane E. McBride, vice president; Pamela J. Reinhardt; Sue A. Smith; William B. Stroud; and Phyllis P. Wickerham. To learn more about the district, visit www.rhnet.org.