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U. S. ARMY MID-ATLANTIC RECRUITING BATTALION
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Dear School Board Member,

January 8, 2024

In honor of School Board Recognition Month as proclaimed by Governor Murphy, I would like to personally thank each of you for your significant contributions to the lives of nearly 1.4 million public school students across our state. The accountability, guidance, and mentorship you provide OUR schools over the last 110 years continue to set the conditions for students' future success.

During his tenure as the Chief of Staff of the Army, General (Retired) Ray Odierno reminded us often that "The strength of our nation is our Army. The strength of our Army is our Soldiers. And the strength of our Soldiers is our Families." I like to extrapolate that a bit further to add that the strength of our Families are our communities, and the strength of our communities are our schools. The US Army's Mid-Atlantic Recruiting Battalion remains a steadfast partner with you, living in and serving the communities and schools across New Jersey.

Thank you again for all the work each of you perform daily to help ensure New Jersey schools receive and provide the instruction and resources necessary to grow the next generation's successful citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy N. Page". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish that extends to the right.

TIMOTHY N. PAGE
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