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## SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY RECOGNIZES SCHOOL BOARDS



Pictured (right to left): Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey; WBUFSD Trustee Jenn Longo; WBUFSD Cathy Gismervik; WBUFSD Executive Director for Human Resources Shawn Hanley; and WBUFSD 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Peter Scarlatos

West Babylon, NY: On October 27<sup>th</sup>, Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recognized West Babylon School Board officials during a regular meeting at their administrative building. The designated week of recognition was part of a larger statewide effort spearheaded by the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA). Hundreds of school boards across the state celebrate this special week, and the attention is growing with each year.

Local school board members are elected officials who serve their respective districts by creating policy and overseeing all school-related activities. School board members serve without compensation, but they derive an enormous degree of satisfaction by having an active role in the

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present and future lives of countless students. The work of these officials is not familiar to many, hence, the NYSSBA felt it was appropriate to create a mechanism to bring some well-deserved attention to the school board vocation.

“Our local school board members – like those here representing West Babylon schools – are truly unsung public servants,” said McCaffrey. “Not only do these extraordinary and selfless individuals serve without pay, but they give a tremendous amount of their time to ensure that our schools have sufficient facilities, faculty and staff, with the ultimate goal of preparing students to become successful and productive members of society.”

For more information on the background and activities of the West Babylon School Board, those interested are encouraged to visit their website at:

<http://www.wbschools.org/boardofeducation/default.aspx>. To learn more about the services provided to our local schools by the New York State School Boards Association, their website can be viewed at: <http://www.nyssba.org/>.

*Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County’s 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon, and Babylon’s barrier beach communities.*