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## Vernon Board of Education Receives CABE ‘Leadership Award of Distinction’ for Teamwork, Leadership and Commitment to Student Achievement

The Vernon Board of Education has been recognized for its consistent teamwork and leadership with a Leadership Award of Distinction by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. Vernon is one of only 15 districts in Connecticut to achieve this distinction.

Vernon’s school board has been recognized multiple times by CABE and has received the organization’s leadership award for seven straight years.

The Leadership Award of Distinction recognizes the board’s laser-like focus on improving student achievement, its commitment to conduct business in an open and transparent manner, and to adhere to board policies that reflect a commitment to fulfilling its mission.

“The Vernon Board of Education consistently goes above and beyond in its pursuit of excellence,” CABE Executive Director Patrice McCarthy said. “The board creates an environment where administrators and teachers help students achieve every day. It is also committed to carrying out its business in a cooperative manner that is consistently focused on providing the best education possible for Vernon students and providing Vernon taxpayers with the best value.”

Serving on a board of education is one of the most important jobs a person can embark on, Vernon Superintendent Dr. Joseph P. Macary said.

“We have a board that works hard to understand the issues and challenges we face, but that also sets high expectations for student achievement,” Dr. Macary said. “The board knows that the sky is the limit for Vernon children.”

*The Vernon Public Schools, in partnership with family and community, is committed to provide a quality education, with high expectations, in a safe environment where all students become independent learners and productive contributors to society.*

Board Chair Anne Fischer said teamwork is essential for the Board of Education. Board members take on a variety of responsibilities beyond attendance at meetings. They interact with school staff, serve as liaisons to schools and departments and work on multiple subcommittees.

“When you run for the Board of Education you are making a significant commitment of time and energy,” Fischer said. “A collaborative approach to our mission leads to better outcomes for our students, our staff and administrators and our community. We are grateful to CABA for recognizing our board's dedication and efforts to educate the students of Vernon with the belief that all children can learn using a whole-child approach.”

The Vernon Board of Education was recognized on Nov. 18 at the annual CABA/CAPSS Convention. CAPSS is the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents.

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