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Dear Local School Board Members:

As we approach School Board Member Recognition Month in January, I am pleased to take some time to recognize the hard and difficult work that local school board members accomplish in making sure that school districts operate with efficiency and pass policies that meet the letter of the law. The leadership provided by local school board members is vital to ensuring that the needs of students are met to provide the very best educational experience possible.

Often, others do not take the time to say thank you for the countless hours spent in school board meetings, studying the data needed to make the best decisions on important issues and conversing with community members on matters of concern. Please know that I appreciate all that you do and applaud your dedication and commitment to the students in your community.

Since the Every Student Succeeds Act has now been passed by both houses of Congress and has been signed by the President, I am excited about working through its implementation with you and other shareholders to fashion a new accountability system for our state that will be more understandable and transparent.

Thank you again for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen L. Pruitt".

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