

# School board lauded by state association

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OCEAN GATE — The New Jersey School Boards Association presented the Ocean Gate Board of Education with an engraved plaque to recognize the group's completion of the statewide certification program.

Members of the school board completed the NJSBA's Board Member Academy program this year to earn the accreditation.

Ocean Gate board members were officially recognized for their efforts by NJSBA President Kevin Clark at its annual workshop in October.

At the Ocean Gate Board of Education meeting on November 15, Superintendent Frank Vanalesti unveiled the plaque that was awarded to the district by the NJSBA.

"Pride is one of our district's themes this year," said Vanalesti. "That pride we have in Ocean Gate and in our school district is only enhanced by the demonstration of hard work by the board. The board has demonstrated an exemplary willingness to do things the right way."

The plaque is on display in the school's trophy case.

NJSBA's Board Member Academy was created in 1992 to provide formal training for the state's 4,800 local board of education members. Each year, the Academy offers statewide courses designed to build members' knowledge regarding school-related issues and procedures.

Since that time, only 216 school boards in the state have earned certification status by the NJSBA.

As of 2006, there were 616 school boards in New Jersey.

School board members include: President Michael Corbett, Vice President Stephanie Jensen, Peggi Law, Andrea Sorrentino and James Heeney.