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ASHWAUBENON SCHOOL BOARD HONORS FIRST SCHOOL CHOICE ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE

Ashwaubenon, WI – February 2, 2016 – On Monday, January 25th at their regularly scheduled meeting, the Ashwaubenon School Board honored John Van Dyck for his service as their School Choice Advisory Representative. Van Dyck is the first known School Choice Advisory Representative on a Wisconsin Public K-12 School Board and has served in that role since November 2013.

The Ashwaubenon School District currently has over 1,000 students enrolled under the State's Open Enrollment program. Based on the district's official student count from this past fall, open enrollment students account for more than thirty percent of its entire enrollment of 3,269 students. Ashwaubenon consistently ranks as one of the top 5 public school districts in the State when it comes attracting open enrollment students.

Because of this high percentage of open enrollment students, the School Board wanted those students and their parents to have some representation at the Board level. So, the Board came up with the idea to have an open enrollment parent serve as an advisory, non-voting member of the Board. State law requires public K-12 school board members to be residents of the school district they are serving. Since Ashwaubenon's School Choice Advisory Representative provides input but does not vote on issues, the Board thought creating this position was the perfect solution to represent that growing population.

According to School Board President Mark Williams, "As a school board member it is nice to get that perspective on issues. With nearly a third of our students being open enrolled, we like to get that feedback from parents that choose to opt-in to our district. It has been a pleasure working with John over the past 2 years, and he has opened the door for many more parents to give their input."

Since Van Dyck's departure, the Ashwaubenon School Board already has another School Choice Advisory Representative in place.

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Picture Caption: Ashwaubenon School Board President Mark Williams (left) honors John Van Dyck, the Board's School Choice Advisory Representative, for his past service.

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