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Kathy Fitzgerald honored for 13 years on board

A longtime friend of Pattonville was honored by the Pattonville Board of Education for her years of service to Pattonville children and families. Kathy Fitzgerald stepped down from the school board April 13 after making the decision not to run for reelection.

Fitzgerald served 13 years on the board, including stints as president, vice president and secretary. She was president of the board when it received the Outstanding Board of Education from the Missouri School Boards Association. She was also on the board the three consecutive years that Pattonville has received Missouri's Distinction in Performance Award.

"I would like to thank the Pattonville community for giving me the opportunity to serve on the school board," Fitzgerald said. "From attending the fifth-grade D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation to reading to our elementary students, I say thank you to the children for allowing me to be part of their education."

Fitzgerald thanked the board for its work: "Thank you for being an outstanding board," she said. "All of you guys have kids at heart, and I think that's what makes this board unique."

The board presented Fitzgerald with a plaque for her service and shared warm words of thanks with her.

"Kathy, it's been a pleasure working with you, and I wish you the best in the future and thank you for being a lifelong friend," said Board Member Ron Kuschel.

"What you have done for this school district...you will really be missed," said Pat Bryant. Mindy Campbell, president of the Pattonville National Education Association (PNEA), also presented Fitzgerald words of thanks and a gift certificate to a local restaurant from her organization.

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