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## **Keene Board of Education Named NH School Board of the Year**

Keene, NH ... The Keene Board of Education has been named the 2011 NH School Board of the Year by the NH School Board Association.

In an e-mail to Keene Board of Education Chair Kathleen O'Donnell, Theodore Comstock, NH School Board Association (NHSBA) Executive Director and General Counsel said, "I want to be the first to congratulate you and the Keene Board for being named the 2011 NHSBA School Board of the Year. It is a great pleasure for me to notify you of this wonderful honor."

"I want to thank the NHSBA for naming us school board of the year," said Chair O'Donnell, "Over the past few years the Keene Board of Education has worked hard to promote a strong educational system in Keene despite increasing fiscal challenges forced upon us by the state of NH. As chair, I have stressed civility and cooperation with other board members, staff and the greater community. This award reflects the achievements of current and recent members who have devoted many hours to do their best for the children of Keene while striving to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers. I am especially appreciative that the NHSBA has acknowledged our efforts to reach out to the community, which includes cooperative and civil meetings with parents, citizens and others in government."

The award will be given to the school board at the EDies award event on June 4, 2011 in Manchester, NH at the Center of New Hampshire. The EDies (Excellence in Education Awards) were established to recognize NH schools, individuals and boards that meet high standards of excellence.

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