Our *Faces of Education* honoree this evening is Betsy Walsh. Betsy is a retired MCCSC counselor and elementary principal. She is currently serving as the interim principal at Grandview Elementary School. She is nominated by the MCCSC Human Resources Department, represented this evening by Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Personnel Peggy Chambers.

Betsy began her career with Monroe County Community School Corporation in the fall of 1977 as a counselor at University Middle School. After which, she worked for four years as a counselor for the Area Vocational program, serving both Bloomington High Schools North and South. Betsy also served one year as an assistant principal at Binford Middle School, before it was converted into an elementary in 1984. In that same year, she was named principal there and served in that leadership role until her retirement in 2002.

Retirement certainly has not diminished Betsy’s service to MCCSC. Interestingly enough, she has returned to the corporation to take on seven, part-time opportunities as interim principal since 2002. She has readily taken on three temporary placements at Rogers as well as tours of duty at Highland Park, Clear Creek, Grandview and Batchelor Middle School. With each placement, she has provided our students and staff members with the dignity, wisdom, stability and leadership needed during times of transition.

In preparation for this honor, two individuals provided statements regarding Betsy’s career and her support of MCCSC. The first is MCCSC Superintendent Jim Harvey who said, “Betsy Walsh’s service as principal at Binford Elementary School for almost 20 years was a distinguished capstone to her career as an educator in the MCCSC. Her wonderful compassion for people whether they were students, parents, or staff endeared her to those with whom she worked. Her professionalism within the school corporation and across the state was at the highest level. She is highly valued by her peers. Betsy has given us her best. This recognition is one small way of saying “thank you.” Grandview Assistant Principal Lily Albright also shared the following sentiment: “I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Betsy. She leads with a sense of honesty, hard work, and integrity that I hope to emulate one day. I am overwhelmed when I think about the number of lives Betsy has touched and am grateful that Grandview’s 550+ kids and 70+ adults are among them.”
Betsy recently shared with the MCCSC Human Resources Department that she enjoyed each of her returns to building leadership. It has allowed her to give back as well as a chance to stay current on educational issues. “It reminds me of how wonderful public education is. Public education within MCCSC is outstanding. The teachers work hard. The secretaries, bus drivers, cooks…everyone cares about kids,” she said.

Betsy Walsh, you too are outstanding! Your continued contributions to MCCSC are truly inspirational and very much valued. We, the Board of School Trustees, are proud to recognize you as a one of our shining *Faces of Education*. Thank you for all that you have done to support our staff members, families and students.

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*Faces of Education* is a new feature of every regular Board of School Trustees Meeting. It is designed to recognize current MCCSC employees or volunteers, who have made a difference in our school community. Nomination forms can be found at each MCCSC site or on the web at [www.mccsc.edu](http://www.mccsc.edu).