Our *Faces of Education* segment is particularly special this evening because we are taking the time to honor the recent efforts of the Monroe County Community School Corporation Food Services Department. The department is nominated by MCCSC School Board Member, Sue Wanzer.

Under the leadership of Food Services Director Hattie “Lou” Johnson, the department came to the rescue of the Hoosier Hills Food Bank on June 5th when freezers went down at Sam’s Club due to a power outage. Sam’s was prepared to donate the food to the Food Bank, but the lack of storage forced the staff to seek other storage venues. Linda Hobbs, MCCSC Food Services Assistant, recalled the moment clearly. “I remember the day because we were in training,” she said. However, there was never a question about helping; the department was more than willing to share its freezer space and staff resources. Both Lou and Linda worked their cell phones during their training session that day to make it possible.

Grandview was chosen as the storage site, and Food Services Delivery Driver Nathan Covey was at the ready to transport food as necessary. Nathan was very gracious with his time, Lou said. He was prepared to “clock out” for the day, but remained on duty to make sure the Food Bank got the help it needed. Grandview Food Services Supervisor Gina Arthur also came in from Bedford to open the kitchen and organize the freezer to accommodate the extra skids of food. She also returned on June 11th to be present when the Food Bank returned to pick up the food.

Sue Wanzer congratulated the Food Services team for a job well done in her nomination. “The staff made a wonderful contribution to our community....Nice job,” she said. Julio Alonso, Executive Director of the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, also had this to say, “MCCSC was very helpful. Hattie (Lou) arranged for us to store food at Grandview School, and Gina came in from home in Bedford to meet us there. Everyone we worked with was great and very helpful, lifesavers actually!!”

Therefore, the MCCSC Board of School Trustees is pleased to honor our Food Services Department for its quick response and being such a great friend to our partners. Thank you all for such a display of community spirit! Thank you.

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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).