Our *Faces of Education* honoree this evening is Kenneth “Kenny” Dovenbarger. Kenny was recently awarded the Custodial Supervisor position at Binford Elementary. Prior to this change of status, he served as the custodian for the Monroe County Community School Corporation Administration Building. He is nominated by John Carter and the Extended Services Department for his work in central office.

Kenny began his career with MCCSC in 2000 as a D-3 custodian at University Elementary School before joining the Administration Building family in 2005. He is excited to take on this next stage of his career as a supervisor. “When I was at University, I worked in the pre-school and kindergarten area. This is a chance to be around kids again,” Kenny said of his change. In fact, he is considering modifying his name to “Mr. D” because the students may struggle with his last name, D-O-V-E-N-B-A-R-G-E-R.

The staff at the Administration Building extends their thanks to Kenny for a job well done and wishes him well. Several staffers and administrators supplied statements in celebration of his efforts. They had the following words to share:

- “Kenny has been a wonderful person to work with. He has a great attitude, a great sense of humor, and an easy way with people. He has helped make our building a good place,” Superintendent Jim Harvey said.

- “I've always been told that when starting a new job, to make friends with the custodian and secretary first... Kenny was instantly on top of things in the tiny office. He hung my pictures, moved my clock--- twice, rearranged my furniture, watered my plants and uncomplainingly emptied my shredder! Best Wishes Kenny! You're one of a kind,” – Jan McCollough, Assistant Director of Special Education.

- Literacy Coach Marilyn Schwartzkopf added, “Kenny, thanks for all the help carrying my presentation materials up and down the stairs many, many times. You are the best elevator the Admin Building has!!! I will really miss you,”

- “It has always felt to me that Kenny takes his job as "custodian" very literally - he *takes care of us* here in the Administration Building. Binford is very lucky to have him on board,” Special Education Director Kathleen Hugo shared.
• Administrative Assistant Janet Tupper expressed, “It would be difficult to write a job description for Kenny Dovenbarger's position at the Administration Center. He is our 'custodian' ...and that is true in the broadest sense of the word. He does the customary custodial work but goes beyond that. He also anticipates our needs and notices what might make life a little easier for others who work in our building, and he does it without fanfare; you may just notice some change suddenly appeared that smoothed the work flow. He pulls weeds outside, spreads mulch and even picks up walnuts - making sure that someone receives them already boxed. His positive attitude and genuine sense of caring make him a valued face of education.

Kenny Dovenbarger, it is clear to the Board of School Trustees and to anyone watching tonight that you are worthy of recognition. Thank you for always going the extra mile to take care of our buildings and our employees. We are pleased to honor you as our latest *Face of Education*. Good luck in your new role!

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