Our *Faces of Education* honoree this evening is Beverly Elkins. Beverly currently serves as the Secretary to the Social Services Department. She also filled in for the Administrative Assistant to Board of School Trustees for a brief period this summer. She is nominated for this honor by the Monroe County Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees.

Beverly began her career with MCCSC in 1978 as a secretary at Bloomington High School North. Jim Harvey, our superintendent, was the principal, and MCCSC Board of School Trustees Vice President Jeannine “Doc” Butler was the dean of students and her immediate supervisor. Working at BHSN for eight years, Beverly stepped away from the school corporation for a four-year-period before returning to MCCSC in 1991. Since returning, she has worked as the Secretary to the Director of Transportation and now works in the Social Services Department, supporting her co-directors and 15 school social workers.

Beverly describes MCCSC as a great place to work, that has afforded her many advantages. For example, she had the opportunity to be off when her children were home for the summer. Conversely, when her children were older and finances became the priority, she took advantage of the opportunity to work year round. Today, she takes great pride in the efforts of the Social Services Department. More than 500 students received services in 2007-2008, and each of those requests received personal attention, Beverly said. She also was honored to work directly with the school board this summer. One of the perks was working with her formers supervisors from Bloomington North again.

No matter what her role during nearly her 30 years of service, Beverly has always put her best efforts forward. Her strong work ethic and compassion for people makes her beloved by those who know her both professionally and personally. Her Co-Directors of Social Services had this to say:

“It has been my honor to work with Bev Elkins over the past several years. Last year, in my new position as Co-Director of Social Services, Bev was an invaluable partner in terms of helping Pam and I with all the fine details of running our department efficiently,” Greg Marchant said. While Pam Lawrence Puls added, “Beverly is an invaluable member of our team, whose professionalism is never questioned. It is a real pleasure working with her.” Please know that both Pam and Greg send their regrets as they were unable to be present tonight.
Beverly also received kudos from her former boss Dr. Jeannine Butler, who shared, “Beverly Elkins first came to the MCCSC as a secretary who worked with me in my role as Dean of Students at North. She was extremely conscientious and competent and always went beyond the "call of duty" to assist me and keep the records and correspondence pertaining to student discipline correct and in order.”

Finally, on behalf of my fellow board members, I sincerely want to thank Beverly for her assistance this summer. She was gracious to help during a time when Janet (Tupper) was out, and interviewing new board candidates, a process that none of us had been through. Her kindness, calmness and willingness to do whatever needed to be done were greatly appreciated. I spoke with her often, and she always ended our conversation with: "What else can I do to help you?" She truly stepped up in a time of need and made sure things were running smoothly.

Beverly Elkins, we appreciate your years of service to MCCSC and going about your duties in calm, quiet, professional way. Your support of your colleagues and supervisors is to be commended. It is our pleasure to recognize you as one of our valued Faces of Education. Thank you!

*Faces of Education* is a 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).