Our *Faces of Education* honoree this evening is former MCCSC School Board Member Dr. Teresa Grossi. Dr. Grossi served as a board member from 2005 to 2009. During this time, she served as Vice President and President before her term recently came to an end. Tonight, she is nominated by the MCCSC School Board of Trustees for her leadership and support of education.

To know Dr. Grossi is to understand that she has been an avid supporter of our school community, especially special education. She is currently the Director of the Center on Community Living and Careers for the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community at Indiana University, Bloomington. Several years ago, she and another colleague led our school corporation through a strategic plan for the Special Education Department. She also has given of her time (without compensation) for many years as a consultant in the arena of transition in Special Education.

Her dedication, knowledge and leadership skills served as a solid foundation for her when she joined the Board in 2005. She quickly became an asset and a voice of reason, helping steer the MCCSC through some challenging times of transition. Board Vice President Dr. Jeannine Butler shared her observations of Dr. Grossi’s service, “As President, she has led the school corporation through many difficult times--the resignation of Jim Harvey early this past fall, the hiring of Dr. Hyland as our interim, the working with Ron Barnes and his company to do the superintendent search. Her leadership for the Board has been excellent and she has the respect of all of the Board members. She works very closely with all of us and also is in constant communication with the Superintendent (whoever that may be). She came on the Board to serve her community, and she has done that with the highest degree of dedication.”

Board Member Jim Muehling remembers well joining the Board along with Dr. Grossi four years ago. “Dr. Grossi has been the 'poster child' for effective school board presidency! Her ability in keeping the Board focused, effective and on task has been laudable. During her term, the district has undergone major transitions which she has handled with grace, class and professionalism. The community owes her a debt of gratitude for the service and commitment she has provided, and I will particularly miss the fact that she was one of the few folks that gets my jokes.”

Similar sentiments echoed from the Superintendent’s Office. “I have had the opportunity to work closely with Dr. Teresa Grossi in her capacity as Board President for the Monroe County Community Schools over the past four months. She has consistently demonstrated keen insight into the myriad of issues that
confront today’s modern school system. I believe she has been both a Board facilitator as well as a Board
president. Finally, my tenure as interim superintendent has been, from my vantage point, fruitful and
enjoyable in large part because of her skills,” Dr. Timothy Hyland said.

Janet Tupper, the administrative assistant to the Superintendent and the Board, agreed. “How fortunate for
the school system to have been the benefactor of Teresa Grossi’s many talents these past four years. As a
member of the Board of School Trustees, her commitment and professional leadership set a standard for
all of us. We will miss her.”

While she has been a leader and light to us all, Dr. Grossi said the news of her Faces nomination was a
pleasant surprise. However, it is a recognition that she chooses to share with the entire Board. She realizes
that a team effort made her time as a member and officer that much more effective:

“This recognition needs to be shared with my fellow board members who have reminded me by their
actions over the past four years, but especially this past year of their own dedication, commitment and
passion for MCCSC. It made my role as board president so much easier. It has been an honor and a
privilege to serve as part of the Board of Trustees. But most importantly, it is every individual staff,
teacher and administrator in MCCSC that reminds me why I chose to serve from the beginning. They are
the heart of the MCCSC. It is their heart, passion, and commitment that continues to move MCCSC to
excellence. I look forward to continuing my service to MCCSC in other ways.”

Dr. Teresa Grossi, we are extremely proud to honor you this evening as part of our Faces of Education
segment. You are a leader of the highest caliber, and your service to MCCSC has been exemplary in
every way. As you segue from the School Board, know that you have been an inspiration to us all, and we
look forward to working with you in other capacities.

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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.