On this historic night in our nation, we also pause locally to recognize another great contributor inside of the Monroe County Community School Corporation family. Tonight, we honor MCCSC Comptroller Tim Thrasher as our *Faces of Education* recipient. He is nominated by former Board President Dr. Teresa Grossi.

Dr. Grossi said in her nomination of Tim, "There are so many people in our school district who work tirelessly, and although they should all be recognized, there is one individual, Tim Thrasher, who not only keeps students first, but keeps the district as a whole at the forefront of sound, stable, financial decision-making."

“As a school board, there are two people who you rely on most, the superintendent and the chief financial officer. In the past several months as the Board conducted the superintendent search and negotiations. We turned to Tim for guidance on policies and finances. He spent countless hours researching new laws, policies, sending e-mails and phone calls all the way through Christmas Eve to help us secure the contract with our new superintendent. His gentle, trustworthy guidance has aided the Board of Trustees and the district. Tim is a man of honor, a man of integrity and the rock for this school corporation."

Indeed a man of integrity, Tim joined MCCSC in 1972 as the Chief Accountant, and was promoted to Comptroller in 1990, a role he has prudently played since that time. As a response to his *Faces* nomination, Tim offered these words:

"The people I encounter at MCCSC every day make coming to work a pleasure. The staff members in the Business Office are exceptionally conscientious about their work and are supportive of each other and of me. The knowledge that our work contributes to the well-being of the staff and the education of our students is very rewarding. The opportunities to work with and interact with staff members in the Administration Center as well as from all over the school corporation cause me to want to come to work every day. During my 36 years with the MCCSC, I have been blessed to work with administrators and for Superintendents and School Board members, who have been very supportive and have treated staff members with respect, which has promoted a very positive work environment.”

“I feel very honored to receive the *Faces of Education* recognition and realize this recognition reflects the commitment to excellence of the entire Business Office staff. This recognition is accepted on their behalf as well as my own. Thank you very much!”

In order to truly understand Tim, you need only turn to some of his staff members to realize just what type of professional leader he is on a daily basis:

Helen Vaught, a former *Faces* honoree and long-time MCCSC employee, shared, "Tim has been one of the greatest people, along with Barb Buckner, that I have worked with. He has always been available to help whenever needed and will usually find the answers if he does not have them. I truly doubt that anyone that hasn't worked directly with him realizes the amount of responsibility that Tim has in order to keep this school system "afloat". He truly is a credit to Monroe County Community School Corporation and a dedicated employee. Congratulations, Old T, you really do have to "do everything."
Sharon Olson added, "Tim, has been the most knowledgeable supervisor that I have ever worked under, yet he doesn't intimidate any of his staff. Instead, he makes your questions come out to be a mutual discovery and you come away from his office feeling like you helped solve something! What a gift! Tim is considerate, tolerant, understanding, and has an incredible sense of humor. He puts in long hours and would never ask his staff to do something that he would not undertake. MCCSC is fortunate to have such a professional on their staff. I take pleasure in calling him my boss."

Marcia Rush, who serves as his secretary, candidly said, "I cannot say enough about Mr. Thrasher. Tim is the most caring and wonderful boss and just a wonderful person. Tim goes above and beyond his job with MCCSC. He is always there for you when you need to talk about something, or find out some information. Even when he is so busy with the budget, his door is always open. Tim cares about the students as well as fellow employees.

Whether you are part of Tim's staff, a member of the Board, a building/department leader, or a member of the public, you always know that you have received an honest, accurate guidance from the Comptroller's Office. Tim Thrasher, for your years of valiant service and unfailing support, it is our honor to recognize you as one of the most respected Faces of Education in our school community. Thank you and congratulations!

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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](http://www.mccsc.edu).