Our *Faces of Education* honoree this evening is Wendy Schroder. Wendy currently serves as a special education teacher at Binford Elementary School. She is nominated by her principal, Joe Childers, in conjunction with the Human Resources Department. Wendy began her career with MCCSC as a substitute teacher and an aide. Pursuing additional training, Wendy secured her licensure to teach special education and has held teaching positions at Grandview and Childs Elementary Schools before moving to Binford. Mr. Childers had the following words to say about his valued faculty member:

*Wendy has an incredible talent for managing a community-based classroom, and her efforts result in wonderful learning opportunities for her students. She is a gifted organizer and planner. She works with the para-educators to develop detailed student schedules that make the most of every available minute during the school day. Wendy also teaches the para-educators how to work effectively with the students as they follow the scheduled activities.*

*Wendy possesses an uncanny ability to see and hear everything that is happening in and around her classroom. In an environment where student behavior is of particular importance, she excels in anticipating just the right adjustments to ensure that the students stay on track to accomplishing their goals.*

*In fact, Wendy excels at meeting the individual needs of every one of her students. She starts this process by working collaboratively with case conference committees as they develop individual education plans for each student. Wendy ensures that these plans are followed to the letter. She monitors and reports the progress of her students and communicates closely and effectively with the parents of her students.*

*Wendy has demonstrated true devotion to her calling. She is a wonderful advocate for her students, and she has helped all of us develop a better understanding and respect for the special talents and abilities they possess.*

Wendy Schroder, thank you for your work with our students with disabilities. Your energy and dedication for community-based education is inspiring. Congratulations! You are most deserving of being recognized as one of MCCSC’s *Faces of Education* honorees.

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