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Debbie Taylor Named 2017 CCS Support Staff of the Year

Carmel, IN –Debbie Taylor, bus driver and food service employee, has been named the 2017 Support Staff Employee of the Year for Carmel Clay Schools (CCS).

Taylor was awarded the honor during a surprise ceremony at Clay Middle School on May 18. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nicholas D. Wahl, members of the CCS administration and Taylor’s family were in attendance.

One parent nomination described Taylor as an individual who is kind, caring and patient with all students. “Thanks to Miss Debbie, my children have always had a positive experience on the school bus. She makes the bus not only a safe place, but a fun place—even giving out holiday gift bags and hosting an end of year pizza party at the park! We cannot thank Miss Debbie enough for making the start and end of our children’s school day wonderful.”



“Debbie is incredibly dedicated, never missing a day of work,” said Amy Beaven, CCS Transportation Supervisor. “She is that positive, friendly face that starts the day for the many Carmel Elementary and Carmel High School students who ride her bus. Her positivity and genuine care is felt not only by the kids, but by the parents as well.”

Taylor was hired by Carmel Clay Schools as a bus aide in 2006 before adding roles as a food service employee at Clay Middle School in 2007 and a bus driver for Carmel Elementary and Carmel High School in 2008.

“Debbie is extremely deserving of this honor and she is an important asset to the food service team,” said Jennifer McFarland, Director of Food and Nutrition Services. “Her friendly demeanor, incredible ability to connect with students of all ages, and upbeat personality has made her a standout employee in every aspect.”

Support Staff Member of the Year nominations are made by students, parents and colleagues each spring. A selection committee consisting of support staff and administrators review the nominations, conduct interviews with both the candidates’ principal and a nominator, and then selects the recipient of the award. To read about previous CCS Support Staff of the Year winners, please visit the Carmel Clay School website at:

<http://www1.ccs.k12.in.us/private/current-employees/support-staff-of-the-year>.