

January 26, 2015

Dear Committee:

I have had the pleasure of working with Diane Harris for the past 9 years. While working with her, I have seen her go above and beyond constantly in order to help make things better for students. Even though she doesn't work directly with students, being the District's Head Custodian, she is always reaching out to students while visiting our buildings. She is always asking the counselors if there is a student that she can help in some way to make them more able to succeed in school, whether it is helping with School clothes, school supplies or just making a motherly connection with a student.

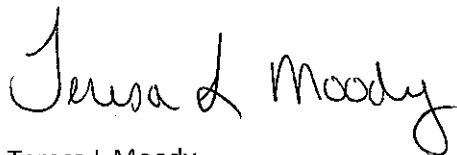
She has mentored students with Senior Projects and always helps the ASB students to decorate for graduation. She takes great pride in keeping the conditions of our buildings the best they can be so that students can be proud of their school.

She takes students that have Community service to do and tries to get to know them and find just the right job for each one, so that they can succeed and feel proud of the work that they have done, hoping that it will help them to stay out of trouble and be more successful. She even will look them up and check in with them later to see how they are doing.

Being in the Custodial department isn't always the most glamorous job, but Diane truly loves the kids and will do whatever it takes for them. She is always reminding the other Custodians when they become frustrated with some of the messes that kids make, that it is all about the kids. A lot of times she is faced with challenges to set up or pull off special or last minute events that the staff want to do for the kids and she never complains, she always says "If it will be good for the kids, we will find a way to do it" and she does it with a positive attitude and a smile on her face. She will donate as much of her own time also if she has to, in order to make it work.

We will truly never be able to replace an employee like Diane. She cares for everyone staff and students alike, as if they are part of her own family. She is most definitely deserving of the honor of Classified School Employee of the Year and in my opinion of a lifetime. She is truly one of the kindest and most caring people I have ever met. Our district is very lucky to have an employee like her.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa L. Moody". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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