

The following employees (and former employees - some have retired mid-year) have been invited to the School Board meeting so we may congratulate them and wish them well in their retirement:

Cynthia Carbone, LRES Para-educator

Mike Chouinard, IHGMS Assistant Principal

Mary DeFlumeri, IHGMS Food Service

Suzanne Ives, LRES Teacher

Carmella Liggiero, LRES Food Service

Jim Maloney, RHS Math Teacher

Suzanne Puchacz, RHS School Counselor

Dorothy Yaris, RHS/IHGMS Spanish Teacher

### You Make the Difference Award

The *You Make the Difference Award* has gone back to its roots. Nominations were accepted from any employee, as usual, but a committee reviewed the nominations in the context of the criteria set forth when the award was first established. The committee, a small cross section of employee representatives, selected a winner for the year. The criteria were:

- Is a strong, positive supporter of the Raymond School District
- Demonstrated exemplary relationships with students, staff or community members
- Participates in activities and accomplishments that have brought distinction to the employee or Raymond School District
- Represents excellence in their positions
- Demonstrated continuous growth in their positions

This year, the committee chose Rebecca Boucher as the winner of the *You Make the Difference Award*! Rebecca's nomination reads:

*I am nominating Miss Rebecca Boucher. She is a very dedicated teacher. She spends every waking moment thinking of ways that she can help her students. She always thinks of her students first. She cares about all her students and wants them to all achieve high goals. She also cares deeply about their well-being, spending her own money to provide them with snacks that some of them would not have otherwise. She has really shined during these hard times of remote learning. She daily sets up individual schedules for each student so they know exactly what they need to do. Not only does she provide them help with her classes she sets up their schedules and shows them what they need to do for their UA and RTI classes. Not only does she give each student an individual schedule, she does it in several different ways. This is helpful because every student learns differently. So no matter how they learn they are able to understand their schedule, and know exactly what they are supposed to be doing. Also, she is the 5th grade team leader. In this role she helps to organize the entire 5th grade. So she has a hand in putting every 5th grade student on the right path. Before the remote learning started I really admired her and thought she was amazing. Now with the amount of work and caring she is putting in I view her as a real life superhero.*