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Dear Blue Ridge Community,

It is with an extremely heavy heart that I write to let you know of the passing of Janet Bullinger, paraprofessional at Schneider Elementary School. Her students know her as Miss Janet. On a daily basis, Miss Janet helped individual students and small groups of students with reading and other skills. The lessons didn't stop there. She taught them many important life lessons in her daily interactions. As I shared a classroom with Miss Janet as recently as last year, I had a front row seat watching those reading and life lessons as they unfolded. Each time, the interactions between Miss Janet and her students brought a big smile to my face. She cared for the wellbeing of each student with whom she worked.

In preparation for the start of the upcoming week, the CARES Team from Schneider Elementary School has met and discussed how Miss Janet's passing will be shared with students. Our message will be directed towards those students with whom Miss Janet had contact and shared with our Blue learners on Tuesday and our Silver learners on Thursday. Additionally, we are working with our Tri-County Special Education Association to provide additional counseling resources for students and staff throughout the week and beyond as necessary.

Miss Janet was a vibrant member of the Schneider Elementary School staff and she will be greatly missed by her students and colleagues alike. Please join us in remembering Janet's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully,

Dr. Hillary Stanifer



Dr. Hillary Stanifer, Superintendent
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