

HOMETOWN HERO:

Susan McLean

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Susan McLean is a primary special education teacher at Marley Elementary School who joined our staff in October 2008. To this assignment, she brought skills from many teaching assignments around the world. Ms. McLean immediately endeared herself to our students and staff with her positive spirit and will to support all students. Most notable is the positive manner in which she nurtured her students on the autism spectrum. Each student’s unique profile required Ms. McLean to quickly learn their unique sensory needs in order to increase their academic learning. Ms. McLean collaborated with each student’s classroom teacher to assist her ASD students to meet success within the general education classroom and to have work completed within the special education classroom support their overall academic achievement. With the general educators, Ms. McLean has worked tirelessly to establish a supportive social and emotional environment.

I consider Ms. McLean a Hometown Hero for quickly learning about her students and working diligently with her colleagues to plan for their successes. Her belief that all students can achieve with proper levels of support has promoted her students on the autism spectrum to experience greater success.