



The following is an exerpt from the original story run by WRTV 6 on Feb, 18, 2020. The aired video segment and the full story can be viewed by <u>clicking here</u>.

A local school district is trying to help teachers who are struggling to pay for classroom supplies.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, 94 percent of public school teachers spend their own money on school supplies.

School districts, like Anderson Community Schools, realize the toll it has on teachers and are working to

help them get things like staplers, coats, shirts, hats, and gloves.

"There's so many needs and so we are trying to address things that teachers either can't or shouldn't have to address on their own," Kay Bale, executive director of Anderson Education Foundation, said.

Anderson Community Schools' Education Foundation has created classroom closet for its teachers.

"Teachers are always going above and beyond in so many ways," Bale said.

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Teachers in Indiana spend on average \$462 of their own money each school year for supplies, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Money for the closet came from a \$3,000 donation from the Madison County Credit Union.

"We need to get these supplies that teachers need in their hands," David Dodd, CEO of Madison County Federal Credit Union, said. "It's that simple."

Classroom Closet opened last week and they're hoping other businesses and community partners will get involved.

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As a local credit union, one of our core missions is to serve our community. We are honored to be a big part of making the Classroom Closet at ACS a reality for teachers who are struggling to pay for classroom supplies.

If you are interested in making a personal donation, whether it be financial or supplies, to the Classroom Closet you can contact Anderson Education Foundation Executive Director Kay Bale at aef@acsc. net or call 765-640-4303.





Last month we wished the very special Deb Harp a happy retirement! Deb worked for Madison County Federal Credit Union for 30 years and she will be fondly missed. Thank you to all the members that stopped by on Deb's last day to share their thoughts and well-wishes with Deb.

#### **Good Luck Deb!**

Thank you for all you did for our community and our members!

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