



# **Backbone of the School District: Alton recognizes its Extra Support Personnel on special day**

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ALTON - Becky Sancamper, a vice president over non-certified personnel for the Alton School District, had an interesting idea that turned into something that recognized many who deserve the spotlight - Extra Support Personnel.

Sancamper is also a clerk within the Alton School District at Lewis & Clark Elementary.

Wednesday was National Extra Support Personnel Day and at a general meeting within Alton High School, the ESPs present stood for a moment of recognition.

Sancamper said there is a Teachers Appreciation and Bosses Day, but sometimes ESPs don't get the recognition and she thought it was important to give them a salute.

"We had gifts and goodie bags to give out at a general membership meeting on Nov. 15," she said. "We have 288 ESPs in 12 buildings within the Alton School District."

## **Some of these categories of employees include:**

Teacher assistants  
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Maintenance  
Secretary  
Clerk  
Cooks  
Janitors  
Computer techs  
Interpreters

Safety aids  
Librarians

“We have a really great teaching staff and administrators, but we also have these people who support them to do the jobs they need,” she said. “I just feel as a district, we have a really well-oiled machine. I wanted these people acknowledged on how extremely important they are to the full team.”