



September 28, 2026

Dear Dr. Bartlett,

It is a distinct honor to nominate Steve Carney and Martha Carney as CFSD Super Volunteers. With decades of combined experience in public education, Steve and Martha represent the absolute best of our community. Since their respective retirements, both have poured their professional expertise, passion, and energy into Sunrise Drive Elementary School, making an extraordinary impact on the academic and social-emotional growth of our K–5 students.

Steve Carney retired as a dedicated Catalina Foothills High School special education teacher in 2014. Refusing to step away from the work he loves, he immediately transitioned into serving as an educational assistant at Sunrise Drive Elementary. Following his second retirement in 2025, Steve seamlessly stepped into the role of volunteer, giving his time directly to our math classrooms and playground recess. In the classroom, Steve's deep commitment to student success is on display daily; he motivates learners across all ability levels and provides gentle, targeted interventions for students who need extra time to master foundational conceptual skills. On the playground, Steve draws upon his positive coaching abilities to help students build confidence, model good sportsmanship, and resolve conflicts constructively.

Martha Carney brought a rich background as a former Speech Therapist, Teacher, and Principal in the Sunnyside School District when she retired in 2015. Since then, she has been an invaluable asset to the Sunrise Drive community. Over the years, Martha has supported multiple grade levels, offering skilled instruction in both math and literacy. Beyond her direct work with students, Martha has spent countless volunteer hours organizing and supporting our school library, ensuring that reading remains accessible and exciting for every child. Her leadership experience and compassionate teaching style allow her to connect with students instantly and elevate learning in every environment she touches.

Together, Steve and Martha Carney exemplify what it means to serve. They bring exceptional professional mastery, patience, and warmth to Sunrise Drive every single week. Their selflessness enhances the daily educational experience of our students, supports our faculty, and strengthens our entire school climate.

Steve and Martha are true Sunrise treasures, and I cannot think of two individuals more deserving of the CFSD Super Volunteer recognition. Thank you for your time and for considering their nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Davidson".

Andrea Davidson

Principal