



# SUNFLOWER SPOTLIGHT

## USD 417 Morris County

Becky Shearer, Food Service Director at **D0417 Morris County**, has implemented a Fresh Fruit /Veggie Bar called the Fresh Fruit and Veggie Patch at each school in her district. This bar offers a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, allowing students to try new foods. A staff member is available at the bar to serve students and portion fruit as requested by the student. Smarter Lunchroom principles implemented allow The 'Patch' to be the first 'stop' in their meal service. During meal service, students are able to return to the bar for more fruits or vegetables, allowing them an additional healthy option if they are still hungry. Students are excited to see the selection of fruits/vegetables they will have on a set of cards posted at the cafeteria entrance. Their eyes get large when they see 'favorites' posted.

