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Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Buffalo Wild Wings and Pepsi MidAmerica recently teamed up to donate patio tables, chairs and umbrellas to create an outdoor dining area in the previously unutilized breezeway at the Poplar Bluff Junior High School.

Principal Candace Warren put the request out over social media this summer and BWW Regional Manager Becky Johnson reached out.

“It was a coincidence – I saw the post on the day of renovation at our Farmington store. Back when we remodeled our Poplar Bluff store, we made donations to the Farmington community, so it made sense,” Johnson explained. “I think it looks fabulous – like a bistro.”

Warren later contacted Tom Orosz, on premise rep for the Pepsi distribution center, and requested picnic umbrellas to complement over a dozen table sets.

“As a company, we just strive to do anything we can do for the schools,” Orosz said. “We’re happy to help.”

So far students who are being quiet and otherwise making good choices during lunchtime are invited to eat outdoors when the weather cooperates. Warren said she is striving to make school a place where students want to be.

Pictured: (From left) Becky Johnson of Buffalo Wild Wilds, Candace Warren from PBJHS and Tom Orosz of Pepsi MidAmerica visit students as they eat lunch outdoors.

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