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TO: Metuchen School District Administrators, Staff, Parents and Students,

The New Jersey Department of Education is pleased to announce that the application process for the 2018-2019 Governor's Teacher of the Year (GEOY) Program is now open. This program integrates the Teacher of the Year Program with the Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Program to recognize the hard work of outstanding teachers and educational services professionals.

Please help us honor the good work our professional staff does every day by nominating one teacher and one educational services professional per school. Complete the attached form and email it to your school principal. Alternatively, you can submit a hard copy to the principal's attention in the school office by **Friday, December 14, 2018**.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Any educators nominated for this award must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated licensed classroom teacher (PreK through Grade 12 in a public or charter school) where teaching is the primary responsibility rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities or an educational services professional (ESP) who is listed as one of the eligible enrollment areas
- Must have a 2017-18 summative rating of at least effective; if the teacher or the ESP has not received a 2017-18 summative rating at the time of application, then their practice rating should be at least effective or the equivalent
- Be an expert in the field who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to Learn
- Actively collaborate with colleagues, students, and families to create a strong culture of respect and success
- Demonstrate leadership and innovation in educational activities at the school, district and/or state and national levels that take place both within and outside the school setting



- Have the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues
- Have not earned the title of school or County Teacher of the Year nor ESP of the Year for the past five (5) years

Note: There is no requirement for minimum number of years in the classroom, however as an ambassador for education, one should be invested in the profession for at least five years.

Eligible Enrollment Areas for Educational Services Professionals and Others as Listed

In order to compete for the Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year nominees must be classified as one of the following:

- Anti-Bullying Specialist
- Athletic Trainer
- Mathematics Specialist/Mathematics Coach
- Basic Skills Teacher
- Paraprofessional (Instructional only)
- Behavior Specialist
- Reading Specialist/Reading Coach
- Cooperative Education Coordinator/Hazardous Occupations
- School Nurse
- School Occupational Therapist
- Director of School Counseling Services/Child Study Team
- School Physical Therapist
- School Social Worker
- Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech, Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language Interpreting)
- Speech Language Specialist
- Student Assistant Coordinator
- Technology Coach
- Guidance / School Counselor
- Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
- Library Media Specialist

Metuchen Public Schools

Governor's Educator of the Year Program

2018-2019 NOMINATION FORM

Do you know a Metuchen Public Schools **classroom teacher or educational services professional** who are dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person for the Governor's Educator of the Year Program by completing this nomination form and returning it to the building principal by the specified deadline. Administrators, staff members, parents and community members are encouraged to participate.

Please return this form to the building principal by December 14, 2018

Each candidate will be scored based on the criteria below:

- Inspires inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Serves as an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator in a public or charter school;
- Expresses themselves in an engaging and articulate way;
- Plays an active role in the community as well as the school;
- Demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside the classroom;
- Has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues; and

NOMINEE INFORMATION	
NAME	
SCHOOL	
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
CURRENT POSITION	
NOMINATOR INFORMATION	
NAME	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE	
NOMINATION	
<i>Please explain why you feel the educator deserves recognition, citing specific examples. Some things to consider: the educator's methods for meeting student needs, desire for professional growth, community involvement, dedication to the education profession, and rapport with students, parents and staff. The more compelling the response, the better. Therefore, please use as much space as needed below as the form will expand when you type on it. If you would like, you could attach your response separately to this form.</i>	