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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As part of the process for identifying/recognizing an **outstanding classroom teacher and an outstanding educational services professional** for the Governor's Educator of the Year Program, we are asking parents and community members to participate in the nomination process.

Attached are two nomination forms for your use. Please use one to nominate a **teacher** and the other form to nominate an **educational services professional**. In your rationale for these nominations, please focus on the following requirements:

- Have a superior ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator;
- Anticipate actively continuing in his/her teaching status for at least five more years;
- Have the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues; and
- Demonstrate a strong ability to foster excellence in education.

In addition, the following criteria should be considered:

- Those who have received the award within the past five years are ineligible.
- Only tenured teachers are eligible.

A list of teachers and educational services professionals who meet the criteria of this program is included.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact my office at (908) 276-5936 ext. 1512.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Murphy  
Principal

## List of Eligible Teachers

<b>Mrs. Jurkiewicz</b>	Pre-Kindergarten	<b>Mrs. Duffy</b>	Fifth Grade
<b>Mrs. Esposito</b>	Kindergarten	<b>Mrs. Jernigan</b>	Fifth Grade
<b>Mrs. McGee</b>	Kindergarten	<b>Mr. Klimchak</b>	Fifth Grade
<b>Mrs. Miller</b>	Kindergarten	<b>Mr. Nichols</b>	Fifth Grade
<b>Mrs. Parente</b>	Kindergarten	<b>Mrs. Donohue</b>	Sixth Grade
<b>Mrs. Glacken</b>	First Grade	<b>Mrs. Horling</b>	Sixth Grade
<b>Miss Higgins</b>	First Grade	<b>Mrs. Kaprowski</b>	Sixth Grade
<b>Mrs. Starke</b>	First Grade	<b>Mrs. Luerssen</b>	Sixth Grade
<b>Ms. Walsh</b>	First Grade	<b>Mrs. Psychojos</b>	Special Education
<b>Mrs. DeCristoforo</b>	Second Grade	<b>Mrs. Griffin</b>	GT/BSI
<b>Mrs. Donough</b>	Second Grade	<b>Mrs. Kurek</b>	BSI
<b>Mrs. Schmidtberg</b>	Second Grade	<b>Mrs. Nelson</b>	BSI
<b>Mr. DeBlasio</b>	Third Grade	<b>Mrs. Radice</b>	BSI
<b>Miss Duda</b>	Third Grade	<b>Mrs. Terranova</b>	BSI
<b>Mrs. Loconte</b>	Third Grade	<b>Mrs. Toto</b>	BSI
<b>Mr. Mills</b>	Third Grade	<b>Mrs. Galpern</b>	ELL
<b>Mrs. Monesmith</b>	Third Grade	<b>Mrs. Tropeano</b>	ELL
<b>Mrs. Smith</b>	Third Grade	<b>Mrs. Healy</b>	PSD
<b>Mrs. Bussiere</b>	Fourth Grade	<b>Mrs. Piccoli</b>	LLD
<b>Mrs. D'Arpa</b>	Fourth Grade	<b>Ms. Spony</b>	Art
<b>Mrs. Folgar</b>	Fourth Grade	<b>Ms. Geoghan</b>	Physical Education
<b>Mrs. Gerenstein</b>	Fourth Grade	<b>Mr. Capizzano</b>	Physical Education
<b>Mrs. Kirkpatrick</b>	Fourth Grade	<b>Mrs. Conte</b>	Vocal Music
<b>Mrs. McSherry</b>	Fourth Grade	<b>Mr. Ondrey</b>	Instrumental Music
<b>Mrs. Decavalles</b>	Fifth Grade	<b>Ms. Gonzalez-Rein</b>	Spanish

## List of Eligible Educational Services Professionals

<b>Mrs. Dieckmann</b>	Reading Specialist	<b>Mrs. Griffiths</b>	School Counselor
<b>Mrs. Hill</b>	OT/PT	<b>Mrs. Fowlkes</b>	Speech
<b>Mrs. Ruopp</b>	Learning Consultant	<b>Mrs. O'Connor</b>	Speech
<b>Mr. Maraviglia</b>	Social Worker		



# 2018-19 Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Nomination Form



Do you know a classroom teacher or educational services professional who is 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 template and returning it to the building principal by the specified deadline. Administrators, staff members, students, parents and community members are encouraged to participate.

**Please return this form to the building principal by December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Each candidate will be scored based on the criteria below:

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

Nominee Information	
Name <b>(Teacher)</b>	
School	
School District	
Current Position	
Nominator Information	
Name	
Email Address	
Relationship to Nominee	
Nomination	
<p>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. <b>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 may attach your response separately to this form.</b></p>	



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