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Dear Parents/Guardians and Community Members:

The selection process for the 2018-19 Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Program is now open. This program recognizes teachers and educational services professionals for their outstanding work as educators.

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

- Be a **licensed classroom teacher** (pre-K through grade 12) or **educational services professional** (see below for list of eligible certification areas) in a public or charter school
- Must have achieved a 2017-18 **summative rating of at least Effective**; If the teacher or educational services professional 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; Note: to receive the state-level award individuals must be Highly Effective
- Be a **dedicated and skilled teacher leader who anticipates actively continuing in his/her teaching career for at least five (5) more years**
- Inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn**
- Demonstrate strong ability to foster excellence in education as evidenced by **ongoing contributions to the improvement of student learning and the learning environment**
- Demonstrate **leadership in educational activities** at the school, district, and/or state and national level that take place both within or outside the school setting
- Have the **respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues**
- Demonstrate **poise, eloquence, and the ability to maintain a demanding schedule**
- Have not earned the title of Teacher of the Year for the past five (5) years**
- Teacher nominees only:* Have **teaching as their primary responsibility** rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities

Eligible Certification Areas for Educational Services Professionals

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

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

In addition to the Governor's Educator of the Year Program, our District will also recognize a Tinton Falls School District Support Staff Member from each school.

Eligible Areas for Tinton Falls School District Support Staff

Cafeteria (Sodexo)	Custodian/Maintenance (Aramark)
Lunch Aides	Secretaries
Paraprofessional	Technology Support

Criteria to be Eligible for The Tinton Falls Support Staff Recognition Award

- Set high expectations for all students;
- Establish a positive classroom, school or district climate and rapport with all students;
- Develop feelings of self-worth and a love of learning in all students;
- Increase student achievement of the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in a student-centered learning environment;
- Use educational technology effectively in support of learning and school goals (paraprofessionals, secretaries, technology and support staff);
- Contribute to quality professional development in their district (paraprofessionals, secretaries, technology and support staff) and
- Perform their duties in such an outstanding manner that significantly contributes to the function of the district.

You are encouraged to nominate one or more Certified Teachers and/or Educational Services Professional and/or Support Staff Member to be considered by each school's committee by completing the attached Nomination Form and returning it to your Building Principal on or before Friday, December 7, 2018. Please remember that your nominations should be based upon the above listed criteria.

Sincerely,

Lisa Goldey
Superintendent

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NOMINATION FORM

Do you know a classroom teacher and/or educational services professional and/or support staff member who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person by completing a separate nomination form for each nomination and return it to the building principal by the specified deadline.

Please return this form to the building principal by Friday, December 7, 2018.

Each candidate will be scored based on the criteria below:

- Have a superior ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator in a public or charter school;
- 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 as evidenced by ongoing contributions to the improvement of student learning and the learning environment.

NOMINEE INFORMATION	
NAME	
SCHOOL	
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
CURRENT POSITION	
NOMINATOR INFORMATION	
NAME	
EMAIL ADDRESS	
RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE	
NOMINATION	
<p><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></p>	