

Olga Hugelmeyer Superintendent of Schools Oscar Crespo, Jr. Principal

Dear Robert Morris School No. 18 Community,

The Governor's Educator of the Year Program highlights educational innovation, student achievement, exemplary teaching, and important services outside the classroom environment that lead to student success. This celebratory program recognizes our state's best teachers and educational services professionals who will be recognized at the Union County Office of Education.

We are proud to announce that the 2018 Governor's Teacher of the Year Robert Morris School No. 18 is awarded to Ms. Doreen R. Stromko. Ms. Stromko is a dedicated, creative, and compassionate educator with a commitment to create a school community that cultivates responsibility and respect while embracing diversity. In the classroom, she effectively differentiates instruction and integrates technology into her lessons to enhance learning while addressing each individual learning style. During her career, Ms. Stromko has served as a mentor to novice teachers and as a cooperating teacher to college students completing their internships. It is a pleasure and a privilege to have her on our team.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Robert Morris School No. 18 was awarded to Ms. Karina Berdugo. For the past 12 years, Ms. Berdugo has become an integral part of the lives of our kindergarten students. She is an attentive teacher assistant who never hesitates to help students throughout their daily instruction. Her willingness to provide emotional support to her kindergarten students is a pleasure to observe. More importantly, she has become an asset to their educational process and the preparation of lessons by organizing and supervising student activities. Ms. Berdugo also plays a very important role by facilitating student centers along with the classroom teacher that build upon the important routines within the kindergarten classroom. In addition to her dedicated work during the school day, Ms. Berdugo is a fixture at after school activities, highlighted by her volunteering to serve as the instructor at our Zumba night classes.

Please join us in celebrating these two amazing professionals for the work they have done, and continue to do, for our school community and district.

Sincerely,

Oscar Crespo, Jr.