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Dear Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 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 for Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 was awarded to Ms. Rosemary Ruela. Mrs. Ruela holds a college degree in economics. Later in her career she decided she wanted to work with young children and pursued a teaching career; she has served the students of Elizabeth Public Schools since 2003. Mrs. Ruela dedicated her love of teaching to our Elizabeth Kindergarten students for the past 15 years. She maintains a positive relationship with families and fosters a strong home/school connection. To better support her students and their families, Mrs. Ruela goes above and beyond her role as teacher in many ways. She has earned the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues. We are proud that she is part of the Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 family!

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 was awarded to Ms. Merida Barquin. Ms. Barquin has served the students of Elizabeth Public Schools since 1999. She has worked her entire career at Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 serving the students and their families. She supports the students during instruction by mirroring teacher lessons with small groups of students and provides extra help as needed so that students grasp the material being taught. She continually encourages students to perform well academically by engaging them during instruction and verifying their understanding of the topic. Due to her warm, caring, and kind personality, families gravitate towards Mrs. Barquin, seeking her counsel and bridging the home-school connection. Mrs. Barquin often provides guidance to young parents and newcomers to the United States with information regarding community resources. Ms. Barquin has made School No. 19 a better place and is certainly a great asset to the Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 family!

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,

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