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Dear Frances C. Smith Early Childhood Center School No. 50 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 2019 Governor's Teacher of the Year at the Frances C. Smith Early Childhood Center School No. 50 was awarded to Mrs. Geraldine Andino. Mrs. Andino has served the students of Elizabeth Public Schools since 1999. She is presently a preschool teacher in a dual language program. In addition to the great work she does with her young students, Mrs. Andino serves as chairperson of the Black History Committee by contributing with memorable activities that enable the students to have opportunities to work as a group. She has been instrumental in helping School 50 foster "School of Character" by serving as a collaborative member to work with other educators in identifying needs and establishing "smart goals" aligned to the "11 Principles of Character Education". Mrs. Andino also incorporates different strategies such as "mindfulness" to promote good character based on core values that will be instilled in our students. Ms. Andino is an asset to our School No. 50 family!

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Frances C. Smith Early Childhood Center School No. 50 was awarded to Mrs. Keena Pompey. Mrs. Pompey has worked as a Child Development Associate (CDA) with Elizabeth Public Schools for the past 18 years. She is intelligent, warm and dedicated. She loves her job, and it shows. Mrs. Pompey has shared her love of knowledge through a personal connection with each and every student she has worked with throughout the years. She has a keen eye for positive change, and she is quite skillful at creating a firm and progressive environment conducive to deeper learning and understanding in all students. She is a dedicated and caring individual, and our school community is fortunate to have her as part of the Frances C. Smith team!

Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of these two fine professionals for the great work that they do here for our school community.

Sincerely,

Kathy DiProfio

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