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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 2018 Governor's Teacher of the Year Frances C. Smith Early Childhood Center School No. 50 was awarded to Ms. Robin Drogin. Ms. Drogin has served the students of Elizabeth Public Schools since 2001. She is presently a preschool teacher in a dual language program. In addition to the great work she does with her young students, Ms. Drogin serves as chairperson of our Green Leap Committee. She has been instrumental in helping School 50 secure a Union County Kids Dig In! Garden Grant and has created many exciting Earth Day activities for our students. Ms. Drogin also initiates many new school activities by searching for and writing grants, networking within and outside of our school for resources and ideas, and working with parents and our school's Parent Teacher Organization to receive support. Ms. Drogin 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. Elisa Molina-Lopez. Mrs. Molina-Lopez currently serves as a Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant (LDT-C). She co-chairs our Preschool Intervention Team and is a member of our ScIP team. Mrs. Molina-Lopez meets with parents, teachers, and administration to help students who are having difficulties with school and develops interventions for the teachers and parents. She then follows through to see whether the interventions are effective, making necessary adjustments to ensure students are succeeding. 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 DiProffio

**Frances C. Smith Early Childhood Center School No. 50**