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Superintendent of Schools

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Principal

Dear Donald Stewart Early Childhood Center School No. 51 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 for Donald Stewart Early Childhood Center School No. 51 was awarded to Mr. Jean-Louis Kong. Mr. Kong has been a highly-motivated team member at School No. 51 for the past nine years. He engages our students through his rigorous instruction in a positive classroom environment that fosters character development and academic growth. Mr. Kong has been an asset to School No. 51 over the years because of his love for teaching and participation in various committees, including the PTO, Affirmative Action Committee, Public Relations Committee, and "ECO Schools" Committee. He is also a member of the school improvement committee which exists to improve students' educational experiences and enhance the climate of our school. School No. 51 is lucky to have Mr. Kong as part of its learning community.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Donald Stewart Early Childhood Center School No. 51 was awarded to Mrs. Marina Rodriguez. Mrs. Rodriguez has been a nurturing and highly-motivated Child Development Associate at School No. 51 for the past twelve years. She is a visible gem to the school community by taking active roles in the Social Committee, Multicultural Committee, and American Education Week Committee. She goes above and beyond her call of duty in volunteering her time, materials, and expertise when opportunities arise. She is dedicated to keeping our children safe, healthy, and ready to learn. She plays a significant role in recognizing children's needs, working closely with the classroom teachers and parents to offer an excellent learning experience. Mrs. Rodriguez is well deserving of the Governor's Educational Services Provider of the Year Award.

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,

Jocelyn Rodriguez

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