Dear Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Childhood Center School No. 52 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 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Childhood Center School No. 52 was awarded to Ms. Jennifer Cerra. Ms. Cerra has 18 years of hands-on, classroom experience helping young learners develop healthy socialization and behavioral patterns, as well as instilling confidence and a sense of independence. She has a love for teaching and is enthusiastic about collaborating with colleagues about new strategies, activities, and ways to increase students learning as a school community. Ms. Cerra also excels in parent communication and promotes parent involvement during school events. Ms. Cerra is truly an asset to the School No. 52 learning community.

This year’s Educational Service Provider of the Year for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Center for Early Childhood Center School No. 52 was awarded to Ms. Janelle Hartz. As a child development associate at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Early Childhood Center, Ms. Hartz is patient, kind, and nurturing toward the children in her class. She has been a member of School No. 52’s family since its founding in 2004. Ms. Hartz works as a team with her teacher as well as her peers to foster creative ways to bring learning experiences into the children’s playtime both inside and outside the classroom. The children in Ms. Hartz class adore her and have great respect for her. She helps to keep the classroom organized while assisting the teacher to foster a fun and exciting learning environment. She cares deeply about each and every child’s education and emotional stability.

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,

Gladys Castellanos