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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 2018 Governor's Teacher of the Year for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Early Childhood Center School No. 52 was awarded to Ms. Johanna Rodriguez. Ms. Rodriguez has been teaching in preschool for 11 years. She is a dedicated and hardworking individual who regularly comes early to work to prepare for the day. In addition, Ms. Rodriguez attends and, at times, presents various workshops and trainings to her colleagues and parents. Her fluency in Spanish is an asset when working in a Dual Language Program. She incorporates a variety of hands-on activities in her lessons and takes the time to learn more about the children in her classroom. Ms. Rodriguez also maintains a good rapport with parents, constantly sending feedback to them about daily activities that occur in the classroom. Ms. Rodriguez 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. Raquel Villarino. As a child development associate at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Early Childhood Center, Ms. Villarino is patient, kind, and nurturing toward the children in her class. Ms. Villarino has been a CDA since 2004. She is eager to learn and participate in professional development opportunities in order to improve her skills. Ms. Villarino feels fortunate to work alongside some of the best teachers and school administrators in our school district and she is proud to say that her achievements are as much hers as theirs. As chair of the Multicultural Committee, Ms. Villarino ensures all activities bridge the gaps between cultures and that children have a better understanding of their cultural identities while achieving both academically and socially.

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

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