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Dear George Washington Academy School No. 1 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 George Washington Academy School No. 1 was awarded to Ms. Kathy Santor. Ms. Santor, currently a first-grade teacher, has served the students of Elizabeth Public Schools for 35 years! She believes that all students can achieve excellence and addresses both the social and emotional development of each of her students. Since an early age, Ms. Santor has always wanted to be a teacher. Her ongoing commitment and dedication to each one of her students makes her an integral part of our school community. We are fortunate to have her as part of our GWA family!

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for George Washington Academy School No. 1 was awarded to Mrs. Althea Hollis. Mrs. Hollis, currently our school nurse, has been a team member of Elizabeth Public Schools since 2010. Mrs. Hollis has expressed that as a school nurse, she enjoys seeing the children grow up, year-to-year, in an elementary setting. She is consistently reliable and committed to ensuring the students are in a safe and caring environment. She is a valued member of our school community.

Please join us in celebrating these two amazing professionals for the work they have done, and continue to do, for our school community and district.

Sincerely,

Shawn Black

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