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Dear Winfield Scott School No. 2 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 Winfield Scott School No. 2 was awarded to Ms. Tamika Riddick. As a young child growing up in Newark, NJ, Ms. Riddick always desired to work with children. Her fascination for learning and discovering new things as a young child grew so much that she created a big blackboard on her parents' walls at home. At the beginning of her academic career, she was shy and lacked self-confidence to speak in public because she stuttered until fourth grade. She had a phenomenal teacher who inspired her to be the best version of herself. As a high school student, she spent most of her time helping classmates with their assignments and motivating them to reach their full potential. Her most challenging teaching job was that of a parent. Teaching your child requires nurturing the whole child, both the teacher and child must learn from each other. Her life and experiences have shaped her teaching philosophy which is simply this: every student, no matter their abilities or social or economic status, deserves and has a right to a high quality and equitable education delivered to them by a phenomenal teacher.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Winfield Scott School No. 2 was awarded to Ms. Maria Bartolo. Ms. Maria Bartolo was born and raised in Union County, NJ. She received her Bachelor's degree from Northeastern University in Boston, MA and went on and received her Educational Media Specialist certification from Kean University. As a school library media specialist, Ms. Bartolo has a strong relationship with her colleagues and students. Students really love listening to stories and it is evident in the excitement displayed during library and story time. The annual book fair is always an exciting time for students, staff members, and parents alike. Ms. Bartolo wanted to be a teacher for as long as she can remember. She loves her students and looks forward to reading to them every day for many years to come!

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,

Samuel Etienne

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