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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 2018 Governor's Teacher of the Year for Winfield Scott School No. 2 was awarded to Mrs. Anna Rigopoulis. Ever since the age of 4, Mrs. Rigopoulis had an inner yearning to teach. She remembered sitting with her 2-year-old sister playing school. Of course, her sister would rather have played with her baby doll, but she would have none of that. A few years later, her classroom size grew as she included her brother. Anna's school was open throughout her childhood years as she recalls. Inspired by her parent's strong influence and the city in which she was raised, she knew she wanted to teach in the same setting that shaped her life and education. Mrs. Rigopoulis has been teaching at Elizabeth Public Schools for the past 15 years. Her belief in education is to create a classroom setting filled with wonderful memories, challenging tasks, fun learning experiences, lots of smiling faces, and a continuous love of learning, from both herself and her students.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Winfield Scott School No. 2 was awarded to Ms. Maria Noel. Ms. Noel has been part of the Elizabeth educational community for 10 years, currently serving as a Child Development Associate (CDA). Her warm heart and compassion has not only spread in her classroom but throughout the school building. Ms. Noel is very creative and loves to share her amazing decorative displays to the school in order to bring joy and smiles to all. She has volunteered countless hours to share her gifts with her students and school. Ms. Noel loves to work with children in preschool and enjoys introducing them to many wonderful possibilities for the future through her creative approaches and strategies.

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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