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Dear Nicholas S. LaCorte – Peterstown School No. 3 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 2017 Governor's Teacher of the Year for Nicholas S. LaCorte – Peterstown School No. 3 was awarded to Ms. Gina Rysinski. Mrs. Rysinski currently teaches third grade and has taught at Elizabeth Public Schools for the past twenty one years. Mrs. Rysinski received a Master's Degree in Educational Technology from DeVry University and an undergraduate degree from Kean University. She is an active member of the school community. Mrs. Rysinski always had a dream of becoming a teacher. She credits the elementary teachers whom she had as they took such care in her education as well as helped shape the person she became. Teaching is her way of leaving a lasting mark on children and shaping the individuals that they become in life. Mrs. Rysinski is also the proud mother of two children.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Nicholas S. LaCorte – Peterstown School No. 3 was awarded to Mr. Edward Melchionna. Mr. Melchionna has been a member of Elizabeth Public Schools for the past nine years, currently serving as a classroom assistant. Mr. Melchionna entered the education field because of his passion to work with and inspire children and to give them a role model to look up to. The experience of being a classroom assistant and parent liaison has driven Mr. Melchionna to return to college and obtain his teaching certification in hopes of one day having his own classroom.

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. We are extremely proud of both team members!

Sincerely,

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