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Dear Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5 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 Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5 was awarded to Mrs. Fiona Simpson. Mrs. Simpson have been a teacher for 11 years, including the last six as a team member of Elizabeth Public Schools. Mrs. Simpson is most deserving of this award as one of the kindest, most compassionate, and hardest working teachers you will ever meet. She is a gifted educator that goes above and beyond her teaching duties to help and develop an excellent rapport with her colleagues, students, and parents. She consistently communicates with her student's families, ensuring they are aware of their child's progress academic progress. Mrs. Simpson exemplifies excellent classroom management skills, while being firm, but very approachable, patient, and gentle. She truly believes in her students and motivates them to work to their full potential. Her work ethic and commitment to teaching is inspiring to all those around her and it is with great pleasure that Mrs. Simpson has been selected for the worthy title of School No. 5 Teacher of the Year.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5 was awarded to Ms. Sara Pujazon. A classroom assistant who always strives to do her best, Ms. Pujazon collaborates with the classroom teacher to ensure that each student achieves their maximum educational and social-emotional potential. She easily develops and maintains rapport with her students to ensure that they understand and meet classroom expectations. Her strong leadership ability distinguishes her from most of her colleagues. Ms. Pujazon is an intricate and involved member of the classroom and school community, often volunteering and taking initiative in implementing ideas or activities to make the school community a better place. Lastly, Ms. Pujazon exemplifies excellent classroom management. She is gentle but firm in her approach, while serving as mediator to address student conflict.

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,

Yvonne McGovern

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