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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 2018 Governor's Teacher of the Year for Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5 was awarded to Mrs. Shawn Shumbris. A Special Education teacher in the district for 11 years, Mrs. Shumbris is one of the kindest, compassionate, hardworking teachers you will ever meet. There is no one more deserving than Shawn, a gifted educator who goes above and beyond her teaching duties to help staff members and maintain an excellent rapport with students and parents. She sets up ongoing positive rewards systems and incentives to motivate students to progress towards social and academic goals. She also communicates with families and builds upon the home-school connection, ensuring families are aware of their child's progress. Her patience and dedication to her students is admirable. Her work ethic and commitment to teaching is inspiring to all those around her and it is with great pleasure that Mrs. Shumbris has been nominated for the worthy title of teacher of the year.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5 was awarded to Ms. Georgia Chrysanthopoulos. A classroom assistant who always strives to do her best, Ms. Chrysanthopoulos collaborates with the classroom teacher to ensure that each of her students try their best to achieve 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. Georgia is an intricate and involved member of the classroom and school community. She often leads school-wide events and invests many hours to improve upon the school climate, seeking the involvement of her colleagues to ensure that it is a collective effort in meeting a school-wide goal. Lastly, Ms. Chrysanthopoulos 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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