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Dear Toussaint L'Ouverture – Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6 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 Toussaint L'Ouverture – Marquis de Lafayette, School No. 6 was awarded to Mrs. Laura Guidera. Mrs. Guidera has been a Social Studies teacher at School No. 6 since 2009. Throughout her tenure, she has demonstrated leadership inside and outside of her classroom. In addition to having superior ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn, every year, we can count on Mrs. Guidera to have a major role in advising and planning the Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony. As a point person between administration and the art and music departments, she has helped run memorable ceremonies for School No. 6 eighth graders and their families. She has also successfully organized AVID Family Nights, WE Service Projects, such as "Karaoke Night" to raise money for the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention, and other important fundraisers. Her role as a leader has also been highlighted through her job as a mentor to college students completing their teaching internships. Mrs. Guidera's commitment to education and leadership is consistent and clear year after year. Ms. Guidera is a tremendous asset to our school.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Toussaint L'Ouverture – Marquis de Lafayette, School No. 6 was awarded to Christine Rappa. Mrs. Rappa has been serving School No. 6 families as a social worker since 2011. Besides addressing psychological and social well-being issues, she also educates students, parents and school staff to work together to solve problems by communicating while providing resources and referrals to outside services. She supports and champions school initiatives and functions during and after school hours. Mrs. Rappa is a passionate educator who is making a positive impact on students, colleagues, and parents alike. Our community is fortunate to have her as part of the School No. 6 Team!

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,

James Mondesir

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