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Dear Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9 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 Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9 was awarded to Mrs. Marianne English. Mrs. English has served the students of Elizabeth Public Schools for over 30 years. Currently a fourth grade teacher, she is an active member of the School No. 9 School Improvement Panel and Project BUILD as well as a mentor to teachers and students. Mrs. English believes her greatest contribution to education is to serve the students of Elizabeth by providing them with a supportive learning environment which encourages students to set high, yet realistic, expectations for themselves. We are delighted to have Mrs. English as part of the Jerome Dunn Academy team.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9 was awarded to Ms. Maria Rodriguez, the school's bilingual speech-language specialist. She has worked as part of the School No. 9 team since its opening in September 2014. Ms. Rodriguez works tirelessly to support the school and our students with special education needs and speech-language difficulties. She offers support to general education teachers and staff, translates for Spanish-speaking parents, and presents at Parent-Teacher Organization meetings to increase awareness of speech and language disorders, in-school services, and community resources. Ms. Rodriguez founded an interdisciplinary Special Olympics event at School No. 9 in 2017, which showcases students' academic progress while targeting their speech-language skills, gross motor skills, and fine motor skills. We are fortunate to have Ms. Rodriguez as part of the Jerome Dunn Academy 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,

Yalitza Torres

Jerome Dunn Academy of Mathematics, Technology, and the Arts (No. 9)