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 2018 Governor’s Teacher of the Year for Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9 was awarded to Ms. Lacey McConkey. Ms. McConkey has served the students of Elizabeth Public Schools since 2011 and is currently a physical education and health teacher. In addition, Ms. McConkey is the lead teacher for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Program and Alliance for Healthier Generation as well as the overall school spirit coordinator. Ms. McConkey is an advocate for students and parents. She believes that all students can achieve at high levels, and can succeed when provided the tools.

This year’s Educational Service Provider of the Year for Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9 was awarded to Ms. Lizzie Belvin-Flowers. Mrs. Belvin-Flowers has served the students and families of Elizabeth Public Schools since 1979. As a reading interventionist, Mrs. Belvin-Flowers gives tireless effort to ensure that students in grade first to third grade can read. In addition to her teaching role, Mrs. Belvin-Flowers is an active member of the school community and is a passionate practitioner who is admired by her school community. We are fortunate to have Mrs. Belvin-Flowers 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