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 Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 is awarded to Mrs. Leann Grabowski. Mrs. Grabowski has been a valuable member of Elizabeth Public Schools for the past seven years and is currently teaching Middle School Language Arts and Literacy. Mrs. Grabowski is a dedicated and conscientious educator who is deeply committed to the academic success and well-being of her students. She has cultivated a culture for learning that can be seen immediately upon entering her classroom. High quality student work is prominently displayed throughout her classroom, as is student assessment data, which she routinely uses to drive her instruction. Mrs. Grabowski clearly communicates high expectations for all students and Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 is proud to recognize her as our Governor Educator of the Year.

This year’s Educational Service Provider of the Year for Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 is awarded to Ms. Lateefah Williams. Ms. Williams is currently a Classroom Assistant in a Special Education, First Grade Classroom at School No. 13. She is a dedicated and compassionate assistant who takes an active role in teaching and learning. Ms. Williams leads center activities with small groups of students that target specific skills and rewards students for participating in lessons and listening to instructions. Ms. Williams is patient and loving towards all her children as if they were her own. Ms. Williams is a wonderful asset to the learning community of Benjamin Franklin School No. 13 and we celebrate her as our Educational Service Provider of the Year.

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,

Alina Stewart

Olga Hugelmeyer
Superintendent of Schools

Maria Isabel Lojo
Principal

Alina Stewart
Principal