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Dear Abraham Lincoln School No. 14 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 2017 Governor's Teacher of the Year for Abraham Lincoln School No. 14 was awarded to Ms. Elizabeth Garcia. Ms. Garcia has served the students in the Elizabeth Public Schools since 2003. She is currently a Bilingual Kindergarten teacher. She also is an Adult English as a Second Language and basic skills instructor for adults at the Community Partnership Learning Center in Elizabeth, NJ. Ms. Garcia is an advocate for all students, believes that all students can achieve excellence, and we are proud that she is part of the Abraham Lincoln Team!

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Abraham Lincoln School No. 14 was awarded to Ms. Jessica Sofranko. Ms. Sofranko has served the students in the Elizabeth Public Schools since 2003. Ms. Sofranko has served in many capacities and locations in the district. She has made a positive impact on each one. She is currently School 14's Guidance Counselor. In addition to being a Guidance Counselor, she has many roles at our school organizing and providing activities for students and families. Ms. Sofranko is a passionate educator and our school community is fortunate to have her as part of the Abraham Lincoln 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,

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