Dear Christopher Columbus School No. 15 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 Christopher Columbus School No. 15 was awarded to Mr. Alexandre Fernandes. Mr. Fernandes has been a member of the School No.15 family for the past 23 years and is currently a second-grade teacher. Mr. Fernandes is a model classroom teacher for implementing reading workshop. He works collaboratively with teachers sharing best practices and volunteers tirelessly for our school events. Mr. Fernandes begins each class with a promise to his students to always be ready to lead them in learning the skills they need to be successful. His dedication to teaching his students, collaborating with others, and building relationships with families is exemplary.

This year’s Educational Service Provider of the Year for Christopher Columbus School No. 15 was awarded to Mrs. Yeni Gonzalez-Madrigal. Mrs. Gonzalez-Madrigal has served the Elizabeth Public Schools as an assistant since 2015. She is dedicated to the academic, social, and emotional growth of students in her care. Mrs. Gonzalez-Madrigal ensures that the school experiences she helps to create are ones that will support students in their success.

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,

Gina Dalton