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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 2018 Governor's Teacher of the Year for Christopher Columbus School No. 15 was awarded to Mrs. Catherine Simon. Mrs. Simon has educated students and team members at School No. 15 and Elizabeth Public Schools for the past 13 years. She tirelessly strives to find ways to connect classroom content to students' daily lives. She believes in creating hands on opportunities for students to explore concepts and demonstrate their learning. Students in Mrs. Simon's class experience the full benefit of working with their peers as they learn new concepts and adjust their thinking. Mrs. Simon is an advocate for every student and embodies our goals for our students. She is an ambassador for optimism, hope, and success for students and staff alike.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Christopher Columbus School No. 15 was awarded to Mrs. Magdalena Guzman. Mrs. Guzman has served the Elizabeth Public Schools as a classroom assistant for the past 14 years. Through her caring approach, she helps kindergarten students be the best person they can be, academically, socially, and emotionally. Mrs. Guzman works with the classroom teacher to provide all students with a safe, caring, and rewarding school experience. She inspires confidence in our youngest students, preparing them to experience their future as learners with excitement.

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

Christopher Columbus School No. 15