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Dear Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 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 Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 was awarded to Ms. Heather Kalish. Ms. Kalish has been a third grade teacher for the last three years and an educator for 17 years. In the five years that I have known Ms. Kalish, she has developed an extensive repertoire of strategies to reach her students. In her tool box there are a multitude of methods and skills which she uses to broaden and deepen the understanding of her students. Her lessons are geared towards finding the student's strengths and building upon them. Ms. Kalish was chosen as a model teacher for Children's Literacy Initiative, a program focused on strengthening literacy in early education. She demonstrates for other teachers both inside and outside of School No. 19 how to incorporate CLI strategies into our curriculum. We are proud that she is part of the Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 family!

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 was awarded to Ms. Monica Acosta. Mrs. Monica Acosta has worked at Elizabeth Public Schools for four years as a school-based speech-language specialist, providing therapy services, conducting diagnostic assessments, and performing case management duties. Mrs. Acosta utilizes many approaches to facilitate student achievement of Individualized Education Plan (IEP) therapy goals and helps motivate and engage students so they may reach their full potential. Mrs. Acosta effectively collaborates with caregivers, parents, and staff in order to ensure the consistency in student goals and expectations, the reinforcement of learned skills, and the development of new skills. Mrs. Acosta has built a rapport with students, parents, caregivers, and staff while demonstrating a strong work ethic and a genuine desire to help others. Ms. Acosta has made School No. 19 a better place and is certainly a great asset to the Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 family!

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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