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Dear Charles J. Hudson School No. 25 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 Charles J. Hudson School No. 25 was awarded to Mrs. Denise Rodriguez. Mrs. Rodriguez was very fortunate to have had supportive and enthusiastic teachers to guide her from elementary school through college. Because of the love of learning they instilled in her, she decided to pursue a career in elementary education. Mrs. Rodriguez's decision to be an educator was an easy one as she wanted to ignite a passion for knowledge and understanding as her teachers did for her. Collaborating with colleagues and parents, she creates a positive environment that supports the ability for all students to succeed. She strives to provide students with meaningful educational experiences where students can reach their fullest potential and develop a lifelong desire for learning.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Charles J. Hudson School No. 25 was awarded to Mrs. Melissa Zappia. Graduating from Ramapo with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Minor in Spanish, followed by pursuing her Masters in School Counseling at Kean and most recently, completing Post-Master Certifications in Educational Leadership, Mrs. Zappia is a strong believer in always continuing to further one's education. At the young age of 17, Mrs. Zappia was inspired by her own school counselor and knew she too wanted to help students follow their dreams and achieve their goals. In an attempt to start building some experience, she started working after school in a daycare facility. After eight years in a preschool setting, Mrs. Zappia made the transition to Elizabeth Public Schools. She feels being given the opportunity to give back has been the ultimate reward. As a School Counselor, she strives to help build a warm school climate and support a culture where staff and students work harmoniously to strive for success. She hopes she will continue to positively impact her students and provide them with the tools they need to be successful in all their future endeavors.

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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