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Dear Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27 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 Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27 was awarded to Ms. Lina Ruiz. Mrs. Ruiz has worked for Elizabeth Public Schools since 2001 as a Bilingual teacher. In 2016, she received her Masters' Degree in Master of Education, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. Mrs. Ruiz is always willing to go above and beyond her job description. She makes the safety and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff as a priority. She has established a positive rapport with our parents and team members, demonstrating a deep understanding for their social/emotional development. Mrs. Ruiz is committed to serving the children of Elizabeth with love and compassion and advocates for her students being an active member of the PTO and participating in multiple school committees. Her daily role includes servicing the bilingual Kindergarten population in School No. 27.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27 was awarded to Ms. Jennifer Gonzalez. Mrs. Gonzalez has worked for Elizabeth Public Schools since 2002 as a Kindergarten teacher and a teacher tutor/interventionist. In 2012, she received her Master's Degree in Mathematics and is currently pursuing her Doctorate Degree in Counseling. Mrs. Gonzalez takes pride in serving and helping the community and it reflects throughout the year with the various food, coat, and toy drives in which the school participates. She has conducted multiple professional development workshops for both School No. 27 and the district's Early Childhood department. Mrs. Gonzalez is whole-heartedly committed to serving the children of Elizabeth with love and compassion and advocates for her students and those in need. Her daily role includes servicing children at School No. 27 to improve their literacy skills.

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,

Veronica Alvero

Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27