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Dear Juan Pablo Duarte – José Julián Martí School No. 28 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 Juan Pablo Duarte – José Julián Martí School No. 28 was awarded to Mrs. Naomi Montalvo. Mrs. Montalvo has taught in Elizabeth Public Schools for 16 years as a pre-kindergarten teacher. She established and annually helps maintain a school garden at School No. 28, which was created in 2015. Mrs. Montalvo also assists with award-winning programs, including the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables program, the Terracycle Program, and Crayola Color-cycle Program at the school to encourage healthy lifestyles and environmental consciousness among students and faculty members. Mrs. Montalvo also serves on the school's technology committee and is in charge of the school's social media accounts. She is always willing to help others and continuously does so with a smile.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the year for Juan Pablo Duarte – José Julián Martí School No. 28 was awarded to Mrs. Susane Dardeir. Mrs. Dardeir has been an Elizabeth Public Schools team member for the last 10 years, all of which have been at School No. 28. She has been a Special Olympics coach for our multiply disabled students and has organized and fundraised for many events over the years for special needs students. She takes pride in making sure all students are included in our school community and can participate in everything they chose to the best of their abilities. She is currently completing her Educational Doctorate with a concentration in Speech-Language Pathology at Nova Southeastern University and serves as part of the NJ Speech-Language Hearing Association's Multicultural Committee.

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,

Evelyn Rodriguez-Salcedo

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