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Dear William F. Halloran School No. 22 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 William F. Halloran School No. 22 was awarded to Ms. Katie Serbeck. Ms. Serbeck always wanted to work in an urban district and was able to reach that goal in 2009 when she began teaching 4th and 5th grade social studies in our Gifted and Talented program. Ms. Serbeck currently serves as a 6<sup>th</sup> grade World History teacher, along with many other responsibilities. When the district started the 1:1 laptop initiative, Ms. Serbeck became part of the School-based Technology Team (SBTT) and has led the team for several years. She decided she liked it so much that she pursued and completed her Master's in Educational Technology Leadership. She strives to help all students to become global citizens by incorporating technology into her lessons. It is evident that Ms. Serbeck treats her classroom like a community and her number one job is to make sure her students become active members of society who understand the past, live in the present, and look to the future. Ms. Serbeck is an exceptional role model for everyone here at and we are honored that she is part of the Halloran School No. 22 team!

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for William F. Halloran School No. 22 was awarded to Ms. Christine Maresca. Ms. Maresca discovered her passion for teaching at an early age. She always knew that she wanted to make a difference with the special education population. Ms. Maresca started her career in Elizabeth Public Schools in 2012, providing in-class-support and resource services to students in Pre-K through 8th grade. Ms. Maresca goes above and beyond to ensure that her students can access the general education curriculum with the appropriate support and accommodations to guarantee success. She teaches content to her students by adhering to each child's needs through an individualized approach. Furthermore, Ms. Maresca has helped implement specific reading intervention programs with struggling readers. Throughout her time at William F. Halloran School No. 22, she has followed many children from grade to grade and has formed strong bonds with these students. Her positive attitude, strong work ethic, and compassionate nature makes Ms. Maresca a valued part of the Halloran School No. 22 team!

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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