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 were recognized at the Union County Office of Education.

We are proud to announce that the 2019 Governor’s Teacher of the Year for William F. Halloran School No. 22 was awarded to Mrs. Francisca Alvarado. Mrs. Alvarado began her teaching career in 2003 at the former Mabel G. Holmes Middle School as a world language teacher and currently serves as pre-kindergarten teacher, preparing four-year-old learners for kindergarten readiness while cultivating their social and emotional growth. Being passionate about her immediate school community, and the district she serves, Mrs. Alvarado has lent her time and expertise to various committees at School No. 22, including the Social Committee, Spring and Fall Event committees, Multicultural/Black History Month committee, and Character Education committee, as well as being part of the S.T.E.M. team. Mrs. Alvarado is an exceptional educational role model for her colleagues at School No. 22 and we are honored to have her as a part of our school team.

This year’s Educational Service Provider of the Year at William F. Halloran School No. 22 was awarded to Mrs. Susan Giaccio. Mrs. Giacco served as a volunteer at her children’s elementary school, Victor Mravlag School No. 21, and made it a priority to be part of their education. Through her volunteerism, she was inspired to join a continuing education course to obtain a Certificate of Development Associate and eventually began her career with Elizabeth Public Schools in 1998. She started in district as a lunch/bus aide and then became a kindergarten assistant. Mrs. Giaccio is currently a preschool Child Development Associate. Mrs. Giaccio takes great pride in supporting her preschoolers to build the skills needed for kindergarten and beyond. Mrs. Giaccio is a valued team member of School No. 22 and Elizabeth Public Schools.

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,

Chihui Seo Alfaro
Jenny Costa Reguinho
Linda Trebino

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