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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 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. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 is awarded to Mrs. Michelle McGuire. Mrs. McGuire started her School No. 26 career in 2002. Originally, she taught language arts and social studies to our fifth and sixth grade classes. After two years, she transitioned to sixth grade Language Arts where she has distinguished herself as a strict but loving foster mother to all her students and holds them to the highest standards. While many students have commented about how rigorous her classes are and how hard they have to work, by the end of the year, her students show amazing growth and pride in being part of her classroom family. Her former students frequently seek her out as she stays part of their lives and encourages them to continue improving in the future. She has left her mark on the many students who have been lucky enough to call her "my teacher". For these and many other reasons, we are honored to have Michelle McGuire represent our school in this honor.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 was awarded to Ms. Diane Bliss. Ms. Bliss joined School No. 26 in 2015 as our Library/Media Specialist, bringing with her a plethora of her own books and characters which she uses to instill a love of reading in even the youngest students. She enjoys reading stories in funny voices and encourages the children to chime in. When School No. 26 was tasked with relocating to School No. 31, Miss Bliss orchestrated the Herculean job of moving the entire library. Her motto is "No books left behind!" Since then she has turned the media center into a warm and inviting functioning space. She genuinely cares for the students and always has a smile and a kind word for them (and a mint for co-workers). We share in her pride and happiness in receiving this well-earned honor.

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,

Howard Teitelbaum

**Dr. Orlando Edreira School No. 26 @ Monsignor João S. Antão School No. 31**