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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 2018 Governor's Teacher of the Year for Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 is awarded to Ms. Jane Gladis. Ms. Gladis started her School No. 26 career in 1998 when the school first opened. Originally, she taught language arts and social studies to our fifth and sixth grade classes. After a few years, she transitioned to fourth grade where she gained the reputation of being a tough teacher. 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. Eventually the students stop calling her Ms. Gladis and she transforms into "grandma"! Her former students frequently seek her out as she stays part of their lives and encourages them to continue improving in the future. For these and many other reasons, we are honored to have Jane Gladis 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 Mrs. Cristobalina Gonzalez. Mrs. Gonzalez has been a member of the School 26 family since its founding in 1998. She loves her position as a classroom assistant where she brightens the day of her kindergarten class. She takes great pride in being part of her students' growth throughout the school year and continues to be a part of their lives as they go on to higher grades. Mrs. Gonzalez came to this country in 1980 and she is a proud graduate of Elizabeth High School. She also is fortunate to have watched her own daughter graduate from School No. 26 and EHS. 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