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Dear Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy 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 Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy was awarded to Mrs. Dolores Camp. Mrs. Camp has served as a special education teacher at Elizabeth Public Schools since 2002. While serving at Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy since its opening in 2009, Mrs. Camp has devoted countless hours to both supporting the students with disabilities under her charge, as well as serving the school community beyond her own classroom. Mrs. Camp takes great care to provide meaningful support for her students while also serving as a loving colleague and mentor to our professional staff. Mrs. Camp's extraordinary dedication to her students and our school community make her a model Teacher of the Year for Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy.

This year's Educational Service Provider of the Year for Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy was awarded to Ms. Natasha Morrissey. Ms. Morrissey has served as an educator at Elizabeth Public Schools since 1998 and as a guidance counselor at Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy since 2012. In her tenure at Jefferson Arts Academy, Ms. Morrissey has served as a school counselor to countless students, as well as serving as AP Coordinator. In her role as chairperson of the guidance department, Ms. Morrissey is the go-to-person for school staff on issues ranging from college applications to family and social service supports. Ms. Morrissey's dedication and commitment to our students, team-members, and families are among the many reasons that we are proud to recognize her as Educational Service Provider of the Year for Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy.

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,

Michael Ojeda