

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Wayne Township Board of Education**

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#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZES 2018-2019 GOVERNOR'S EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR**



(Wayne, New Jersey) – The Wayne Board of Education proudly recognized the Governor’s Educator of the Year at the February 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting. A total of 28 educators were recognized by Assistant Superintendent, Donna Reichman. In recognizing the teachers, Mrs. Reichman said, “Congratulations to all of our winners for their commitment and dedication to our students and the Wayne school community. Each day you inspire our students with your innovative practices, kindness and care. The outstanding work you do to support our students teaches them some of the most important lessons in life and helps shape their future.”

The New Jersey Department of Education recognizes the outstanding contributions of educators in a variety of ways. One program is the Governor’s Educator of the Year (GEOY) Program, which recognizes the hard work of outstanding teachers and educational services professionals.

After school level nominations were received, each of the Wayne Township Public Schools convened a committee to select one teacher and one educational services professional under the program guidelines. In the coming months, each of the educators selected locally may move on for recognition at the county, and potentially as candidates for state educator of the year.

The Governor’s Educator of the Year program is designed to highlight educational innovation, student achievement, the rewards of teaching, and the important services outside the classroom environment that lead to student success. The celebratory program integrates the Teacher of the Year Program with the Governor’s Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Program to continue to recognize our state’s best teachers and educational services professionals.

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mark Toback noted, “Wayne is fortunate to have so many excellent and committed educators. This being the case, it is an exceptional honor to be

selected for this recognition from such a talented pool of educators. Congratulations to all of our Governor's Educators of the Year Award recipients."

Please join our district in congratulating the following Teachers of the Year and Educational Services Professionals who are recipients of this award from each of our 14 schools.

<b>School Name:</b>	<b>Teacher:</b>	<b>Education Specialist:</b>
APT Elementary School	Lauren Heaney (1st Grade)	Christine Cordeira (School Counselor)
James Fallon Elementary School	Linda Bursik (2nd Grade)	Liberty Russin (Paraprofessional)
John F. Kennedy Elementary School	Melissa Morley (1 <sup>st</sup> Grade)	Diana Rossi (Basic Skills)
Lafayette Elementary School	Karen Cappo (Resource)	Elaine Broe (Media Specialist)
Packanack Elementary School	Matthew Grossman (5th Grade)	Susan Cohen (Speech & Language Specialist)
Pines Lake Elementary School	Eileen Lehault (ASSP)	Diane Ihle (Paraprofessional)
Randall Carter Elementary School	Nicole Puzak (1st Grade)	Patricia Statuto (Paraprofessional)
Ryerson Elementary School	Lindsay Hassert (Resource )	Cheryl Wall (Paraprofessional)
Theunis Dey Elementary School	Laura Hoogstrate (2nd Grade)	Kathryn Arts (Speech & Language Specialist)
Anthony Wayne Middle School	Nadine Wilson (Resource)	Jo Anne Poppe (Social Worker)
George Washington Middle School	Katie More (ELA Grade 6-8)	Gloria Cinelli (Paraprofessional)
Schuyler-Colfax Middle School	Megan Massola (Math Grade 6-8)	Caitlin Rodgers (School Psychologist)

Wayne Hills High School	Cheryl O'Brien (Resource)	Amanda Znutas (LDTC)
Wayne Valley High School	Patrick Slater (Tech. Ed)	Crystal Olson (School Counselor)

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