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To: All Parents and Knowlton Community Members  
Date: November 4, 2019  
Re: **Governor's Educator of the Year Program 2019-2020**

The New Jersey Department of Education is pleased to announce the application process for the 2019-2020 Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Program. This program recognizes classroom teachers and educational services professionals who are dedicated, inspiring, and make a difference in the life of our children. A committee of teachers, parents, and board members will select the recipient of the award. **If you are interested in being a part of the selection committee please contact Mrs. DeFalco via email at: [defalcoj@knowltonschool.com](mailto:defalcoj@knowltonschool.com).**

Please use the attached nomination form to nominate a Teacher or Educational Service Professional from our school. Only one nomination per category is permitted. **All forms must be returned to the attention of Mrs. DeFalco by Monday, December 2, 2019.** Any Teacher or Educational Services Professional that has not received the award in the past five years is eligible. The last five recipients, Lisa Garrison, Teacher & Jenn Werner, Educational Services Professional 2014-2015, Jenna Maxman, Teacher & Gretchen Stefankiewicz, Educational Services Professional 2015-2016, Diane Davalos, Teacher & Helen Hill, Educational Services Professional 2016-2017, Kathryn Jones, Teacher & Cristina Hollman, Educational Services Professional 2017-2018, Allison Bickhardt, Teacher & Christina Ippolito, Educational Services Professional 2018-2019, are not eligible.

**Eligibility criteria:**

Any educators nominated for this award must meet all of the following requirements:

- Be an **exceptionally skilled and dedicated licensed classroom teacher** (pre-K through grade 12) or **educational service professional** (LDTC, School Counselor/Social Worker, School Nurse, School Psychologist, Speech-Language Specialist, School Library Media Specialist, Instructional Paraprofessional, School Occupational Therapist, School Physical Therapist )
- Must have achieved a 2018-19 summative rating of **Effective or higher**
- **Be an expert in the field who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn**
- **Actively collaborates with colleagues, students, and families to create a strong culture of respect and success**
- Demonstrate **leadership and innovation in educational activities** at the school, district, and/or state and national levels that take place both within and outside the school setting.
- Have the **respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues**
- Demonstrate **poise, eloquence, and the ability to maintain a demanding schedule**
- **Have not earned the title of Teacher of the Year or Educational Services Professional of the year for the past five (5) years**

Schools taking part in educator recognition programs have found participation to promote a culture that recognizes excellence and creates a sense of pride. **Thank you for taking the time to participate in this very worthwhile program that aims to recognize educators and encourage them by recognizing excellence.**



## Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Nomination Form



Do you know a classroom teacher or educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person for the Governor's Educator of the Year Program by completing this nomination form template and returning it to the building principal by the specified deadline. Administrators, staff members, students, parents and community members are encouraged to participate.

Please return this form to Mrs. DeFalco by Monday, December 2, 2019.

Each candidate will be scored based on the criteria below:

- Serves as an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator in a public or charter school;
- Inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside the classroom;
- Has the respect and admiration of students, parents, administrators and colleagues; and
- Plays an active role in the community as well as the school.

### Nominee Information

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Name:

School:

School District:

Current Position:

### Nominator Information

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Name:

Email Address:

Relationship to Nominee:

### Nomination

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Please explain why you feel the educator deserves recognition, citing specific examples. Some things to consider: the educator's methods for meeting student needs, desire for professional growth, community involvement, dedication to the education profession, and rapport with students, parents and staff. **The more compelling the response, the better. If you need additional space, please feel free to attach additional pages as needed.**