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### **BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZES 2021-2022 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 24th regular meeting. A total of 30 educators were recognized by Assistant Superintendent, Donna Reichman. In recognizing the teachers, Mrs. Reichman said, "Congratulations to all of our winners for their unconditional commitment and dedication to our students and the Wayne school community during some very challenging times. 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, "This year is one like no other and every educator was put to the test. Congratulations to all of our Educators of the Year for excelling, even under very difficult circumstances. The community is blessed with many excellent educators and we thank all of our teachers and educational support professionals for their dedication to their students and community."

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 15 schools.

[Click here to read a bio on every recipient and to watch the video shown at the BOE Meeting on February 24, 2022.](#)

<b>School</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Education Specialist</b>
Early Childhood Center	Christine Romanick Preschool	Ann Kurpick Paraprofessional
APT Elementary School	Stephanie Zygmunt Health/Physical Education	Lisa Silva School Nurse
James Fallon Elementary School	Anna Montgomery Grade 4	Kim Biondi Paraprofessional
John F. Kennedy Elementary School	Jaclyn Recchia Grade 1	Corinne Meyer Paraprofessional
Lafayette Elementary School	Larissa Rohan Grade 1	Nancy Carluccio Paraprofessional
Packanack Elementary School	Lauren Dickens Grade 3	Lauren Reszka School Counselor
Pines Lake Elementary School	Patricia Merlucci Instrumental Music	Rozlyn Weiss Paraprofessional
Randall Carter Elementary School	Serge Sosnov Grade 5	Bonnie Dwyer Paraprofessional
Ryerson Elementary School	Ashley Conklin Grade 3	Cindy Salerno Paraprofessional
Theunis Dey Elementary School	Edward Easse Vocal Music	Julia Kelly School Nurse
Anthony Wayne Middle School	Mary Dudek ELA	Jeffrey Robjohns School Counselor
George Washington Middle School	Nicholas Vigiletti Instrumental Music	Tara Cooper Weiss Media Specialist
Schuyler-Colfax Middle School	Michele Johnson Special Education	Annabella Cogorno Paraprofessional
Wayne Hills High School	Christina Caamano English	Nicole Sandas School Counselor
Wayne Valley High School	Lauren Ahlert Science	Filomena Gaccione Paraprofessional



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