



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals, Staff Involved with Educator Recognition
From: Lisa J. Gleason, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
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Deadline: December 3, 2021

Nominations Sought for 2021-2022 Governor's Educator of the Year Recognition Program

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) strives to recognize educators who have gone above and beyond in their service to New Jersey's students. Over the past year and a half, educators changed the way they delivered instruction to New Jersey's 1.4 million students. Now, more than ever before, is the time to celebrate New Jersey's outstanding educators. Therefore, every school in every district is encouraged to participate in the Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) program to honor the hardworking teachers and educational services professionals for their dedication to students and the profession.

This program promotes a culture that celebrates excellence and brings public attention to the work of outstanding educators. Please remember to consider exceptional educators with diverse backgrounds to ensure that honorees represent the ethnic/racial diversity of our state.

Instructions:

- 1) Review all forms and documents on the "Program Materials" tab on [GEOY Program webpage](#), especially the [School Level Instructions](#) and [Program Timelines](#);
- 2) Send [nomination forms](#) to the entire school community (administrators, staff members, students, parents, and community members);
- 3) Form a diverse panel following program guidelines to select one Teacher of the Year and one Educational Services Professional of the Year per school by November 19, 2021 (See [Nomination Form Scoring Guide](#));
- 4) Register your Teacher of the Year and Educational Services Professional of the Year and upload your completed [School Information Form](#) with each nominee's scores in the [GEOY online form](#) by December 3, 2021 (See [Online Form Instructions](#)); and
- 5) Notify all educators in your school that were nominated by December 10, 2021.

All registered Teachers of the Year and Educational Services Professionals of the Year will receive a state awards certificate from their County Office of Education.

Contact Information

If you have questions, please contact Nancy Besant at nancy.besant@doe.nj.gov. As always, the NJDOE appreciates your collaboration in recognizing the great work of New Jersey's outstanding educators.

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