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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals, Staff Involved with Educator Recognition
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2019 Exemplary Secondary Educator Recognition Program

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) invites school administrators to nominate up to three outstanding secondary (grades 6-12) educators for the 2019 Exemplary Secondary Educator Recognition Program. The annual Exemplary Secondary Educator Recognition Program honors diverse educators who:

• have a positive impact on their students, colleagues and the school community;
• possess a clear vision for quality teaching and learning; and
• may ultimately receive recognition at the county, state, and national levels.

When school leaders honor hard-working educators, they promote a culture that publicly recognizes excellence and foster pride in the education profession. The NJDOE encourages administrators to consider exceptional educators with diverse backgrounds to ensure that honorees represent the ethnic and racial diversity of New Jersey.

Nominating Exemplary Educators
Administrators can nominate up to three teachers, specialists and principals from New Jersey public school districts (including charter schools) who have:

• taught for at least five years;
• demonstrated exceptional teaching and leadership abilities; and
• received a rating of Effective or Highly Effective on their 2017-18 final summative evaluation.

Administrators must complete and submit the online 2019 Exemplary Educator Recognition Program Recommendation Form for each nominee. The nomination form can be accessed on the NJDOE’s Homeroom website by selecting “Exemplary Educator.” To submit a nomination, administrators will need a district-level user account from their district’s Homeroom Administrator.

Completed nomination forms must be submitted online by 4 p.m. Friday, April 5, 2019. For full criteria and nomination form information, please refer to this information sheet.

Nominations are confidential and should not be shared with recommended nominees. If a nominated candidate is selected as an Exemplary Educator, their nominator will receive a certificate of recognition in November 2019 via mail to share with the awardees at that time.

Contact Information
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