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The New Jersey Department of Education is pleased to announce that the application process for the 2017-2018 Governor's Teacher of the Year (GEOY) Program is now open. This program integrates the Teacher of the Year Program with the Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Program to recognize the hard work of outstanding teachers and educational services professionals.

Please help us honor the good work our professional staff does every day by nominating one teacher and one educational services professional per school. Complete the attached form and email it to your school principal. Alternatively, you can submit a hard copy to the principal's attention in the school office by **Friday, December 1, 2017**.

**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 in a public or charter school) where teaching is the primary responsibility rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities or educational services professional (see below for list of eligible certification areas)
- Must have achieved a 2016-2017 summative rating of at least Effective; If the teacher or educational services professional has not received a 2016-2017 summative rating at the time of application, then their practice rating should be at least Effective or the equivalent
- Be a dedicated and skilled leader who anticipates actively continuing in his/her teaching career for at least five (5) more years
- 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 level that take place both within or 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 school-level Teacher of the Year or Educational Services Professional of the Year for the past five (5) years

### **Eligible Enrollment Areas for Educational Services Professionals and Others as Listed**

In order to compete for the Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year nominees must be classified as:

- Anti-Bullying Specialist
- Associate School Library Media Specialist
- Athletic Trainer
- Basic Skills Teacher
- Behavior Specialist
- Cooperative Education Coordinator
- Cooperative Education Coordinator / Hazardous Occupations
- Director of School Counseling Services / Child Study Team
- Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language Interpreting)
- Guidance/School Counselor
- Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant
- Library Media Specialist
- Mathematics Specialist / Mathematics Coach
- Paraprofessional (*Instructional*)
- Reading Specialist / Reading Coach
- School Nurse (Instructional and Non-Instructional)
- School Occupational Therapist
- School Physical Therapist
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- Speech-Language Specialist
- Student Assistance Coordinator
- Technology Coach