

CITY COUNCIL

The City of Orange Township, New Jersey

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TITLE: A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECOGNITION FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF TEACHERS AND LEADERS OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGH VARIOUS NATIONAL AND STATE PROGRAMS. (Sponsored by Council Members Adrienne Wooten).

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education recognizes the outstanding contributions of teachers and leaders through various national and state programs each year; and

WHEREAS, these honored educators serve as spokespersons and ambassadors for the profession who are encouraged to help shape New Jersey educational policies and practices that influence their schools and classrooms; and

WHEREAS, "Celebrated every year, the Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Awards is an opportunity to celebrate and honor incredible School Educators and Educational Service Professionals for their visionary leadership and tireless pursuit of success for each student," said Dr. Gerald Fitzhugh, II Superintendent of Orange Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, this year, Orange Public Schools had an impressive 26 Educators and Educational Services Professionals being recognized with the Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Awards; and


WHEREAS, "Join us in congratulating our 14 Educators & 12 Educational Service Professionals for their continued support and tenacity of staff, students, and families!" added Superintendent Fitzhugh, II; and

WHEREAS, and educator nominated for this award must have met all the following requirements: Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated licensed classroom teacher (PreK to grade 12 in a public or charter school) where teaching is the primary responsibility rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities or an educational services professional (ESP) who is listed as one of the eligible enrollment areas; and

WHEREAS, must have the latest summative rating of at least effective; if the teacher or the ESP has not received a summative rating at the time of application, then their most current practice rating should be at least effective or the equivalent; and

WHEREAS, be an expert in the field who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn, actively collaborate 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, and have the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, in order to compete for Educational Services Professional of the Year, nominees must be classified as one of the following: Anti-Bullying Specialist, Athletic Trainer, Behavior Specialist, Child Study Team; Cooperative Education Coordinator/Hazardous Occupations, Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech, Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language

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Interpreting), Guidance / School Counselor, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant, Library Media Specialist, Mathematics Specialist / Mathematics Coach, Nurse (Instructional & Non-instructional), Occupational Therapist, Paraprofessional (Instructional only), Physical Therapist, Psychologist, Reading Specialist / Reading Coach, Social Worker, Speech Language Specialist, Student Assistant Coordinator, or Technology Coach.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipal Council of the City or Orange Township does acknowledge recognition from the New Jersey Department of Education for the outstanding contributions of teachers and leaders of the Orange Public Schools through various national and state programs.

Adopted: January 2, 2024

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City Clerk

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Council President