



Plumsted Township School District

New Egypt Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

A committee of teachers, administrators, parents and local citizens are currently involved in the selection process for the Plumsted Township Teacher Recognition Program. This program is to honor excellence in those professionals who influence our children's lives and to reward them with special commendation.

The panel selects the outstanding professional based upon specific criteria which includes:

- Uses effective instructional techniques and methods
- Establishes a productive classroom climate and rapport with students
- Develops feelings of self-worth and love of learning in students
- Uses creativity, innovation and efficiency in the classroom
- Has the ability to increase student achievement through a learning-focused environment
- Has the ability to encourage community service and service-learning opportunities

Teachers are selected based on performance in the previous school year (2017-2018). This would be your child's teacher from last year. Winners in the past three years are ineligible for the award.

The committee would like parent input for the selection process. If you have a special professional in mind who has provided an exceptional school experience for your child, please submit the name. The person need not be your child's current teacher. Choices are not limited to classroom teachers, but may include special area teachers. Eligible teachers are listed on the back of this letter.

To nominate a professional, complete the form on the back and place it in a sealed envelope marked Teacher Recognition – Main Office. Please return your nomination to the main office by 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.

Thank you for your cooperation with this project that is designed to promote excellence in teaching.

Sincerely,

Richard P. DeMarco
Principal

N.E.M.S. TEACHER OF THE YEAR
SELECTION LIST

- Nina Acquaviva
- Natalie Belfiore
- Diane Carr
- Gabby (Chapman) Teta
- Thomas Chemris
- Kathy Cruz
- Diane Dancer
- Diane DeBenedictis
- Michael Deus
- Mark Dyba
- Kelli Goshorn
- Tova Horovitz
- Jennifer Kociuba
- Elisa Lizano
- Corinne Lynn
- Lisa Malloy
- Charles Megules
- Tara Melchior
- Laura Occhiuzzo
- April Priest
- Christina Quattrone
- Carolyn Santoro
- Liz Saulnier
- Rebecca Semko
- Allison Stathius
- Andrea von Harten