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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The *Governor's Teacher Recognition Program* was developed in 1985 for the purpose of acknowledging teachers who exhibit outstanding performance.

The Governor's Teacher Recognition Program aims to help increase the stature of teaching, attract talented people to teaching careers, and like other professions, outstanding performance should be acknowledged.

Teachers selected for the program are invited to attend what has become an Annual Hunterdon County Convocation on Excellence in Teaching in June at the Careers Café at the Hunterdon County Polytech – Central Campus. At this ceremony each teacher will receive a certificate of commendation and an award.

Each school district selects one teacher per school to be recognized for his/her achievements.

The district must establish a **Teacher Recognition Panel**, which must include at least one member from each of the following groups: teachers, administrators, parents, and other citizens. The nine-member panel will select one teacher from your nominations for the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program. Please use the following criteria as your guide when making your selection.

A teacher who has distinguished his/her self during the previous school year through exceptional contributions in the following areas:

- use of effective instructional techniques and methods;
- establishment of productive classroom climate and rapport with students;
- development of feelings of self-worth and love of learning in students;
- use of creativity, innovation and efficiency in the classroom;
- ability to increase student achievement of the Core Curriculum Content Standards through a learning-focused environment;
- ability to contribute to the quality of the professional development in their district; and
- ability to utilize educational technology in an effective and efficient manner.

Would you please take time from your busy schedule to think about a teacher who you feel meets the above criteria and complete the form below. Your response is needed **before March 20th** since the teacher's name who is nominated must be sent to the County Department of Education prior to April 2, 2009.

Your cooperation and understanding is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Stoloski
Superintendent

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Please tear off and return to Superintendent's Office before MARCH 20, 2009.

<i>GOVERNOR'S TEACHER RECOGNITION NOMINATION FORM</i>
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NAME OF TEACHER: _____

COMMENTS: _____

