



Haddonfield School District 2022 Governor's Educator of the Year or Educational Support Person of the Year



On December 6, 2022, school administrators surprised **Leigh Anne Gaffney** with the news that she had been named **Governor's Educator of the Year** for Central Elementary School!

L to R Principal Shannon Simkus, Gaffney, Assistant Superintendent Gino Priolo, Superintendent Chuck Klaus.

LEIGH ANNE GAFFNEY, faculty, grade 3 CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In October, school districts throughout New Jersey began soliciting nominations for the **Governor's Educator of the Year** program. Parents, students and even other district employees were encouraged to submit nominations for either a teacher or educational support person whose performance has been outstanding.

We received more than 200 nominations, a testament to the fact that Haddonfield School District has a large number of excellent teachers and staff. Committees were formed, one for each school, consisting of teachers, parents, students, board members and administrators who met to review all submissions. Finally they narrowed the field to nine talented and dedicated individuals, including Leigh Anne!

Here are just a few of the statements made on her nomination forms:

She recognizes areas where her students are struggling and does not wait. She gives them the immediate support they need to be successful, and has the ability to do so no matter the subject area.

Leigh Anne never stops learning. She is always interested in staying current with research and instructional methods to better her teaching. She applies new learning, asks for feedback, and is always open to sharing ideas with others or acting as a model classroom.