



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



On December 6, 2022, school administrators surprised Michele Barranger with the news that she had been named **Educational Support Person of the Year** for Central Elementary and Haddonfield Middle School!

L to R: HMS Assistant Principal Shane Rubin, HMS Principal Hamisi Tarrant, *Barranger*, Superintendent Chuck Klaus, Assistant Superintendent Gino Priolo, Central Principal Shannon Simkus.

MICHELE BARRANGER, nurse

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and HADDONFIELD MIDDLE 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 Michele!

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

Michele is a nurse, mentor and coach.

She is absolutely understanding, knowledgeable, uplifting and positive. She takes each child on their own merit.

She is caring, knowledgeable, instructive ... a truly caring leader

My children are always met with respect and care. She takes each child as they are without judgement and inspires.