



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



On December 6, 2022, school administrators surprised **Miranda Yaniak** with the news that she had been named **Governor's Educator of the Year** for Elizabeth Haddon Elementary School.

L to R: Superintendent Chuck Klaus, Principal Gerry Bissinger, Yaniak, Assistant Superintendent Gino Priolo.

MIRANDA YANIAK, faculty, grade 3
ELIZABETH HADDON 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 Miranda!

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

Not only is she a skilled and dedicated educator, but she is a constant reminder of the power of positivity.

She is intentional with her praise and reinforcement of positive behaviors and ensures that all students have a voice and feel valued in her classroom.

Miranda responded to the (pandemic) climate by initiating a meditation group after school for her colleagues.