



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



On December 6, 2022, school administrators surprised **Sophie Nelson** with the news that she had been named **Educational Support Person of the Year** for Elizabeth Haddon and Tatem Elementary Schools.

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

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ELIZABETH HADDON and TATEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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 Sophie!

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

*The stories that she shares with the classes launch great conversations at home about inclusivity, celebrating differences, and honoring people for being their authentic selves.*

*I would also be remiss not to mention the AMAZING library videos and activities that Mrs. Nelson put together during remote instruction. I looked forward to find out what story would be shared and which costume she would come up with!*