



## *Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program 2017-2018*

FEBRUARY 2018: Michele Robinson, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, has received notification of the Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program.

The Teacher Recognition Program was developed in 1985, to acknowledge classroom teachers who exhibit exceptional performance, and broadened in 2004 following the enactment of the Annual Educational Services Professionals Recognition Act. The goal of this program is to recognize outstanding teachers and educational services professionals at the local and county levels (it is not associated with the New Jersey Teacher of the Year Program).

An outstanding teacher is “one who uses effective and innovative instructional techniques, establishes a positive classroom climate, utilizes educational technology in an effective manner, and fosters feelings of self-worth and love of learning in students.” An outstanding educational services professional is “one who functions as a frontline advocate for the student between home and school, fosters an appropriate environment for learning, supports classroom instruction by addressing the needs of all students, and demonstrates professionalism while retaining respect, humor, compassion, and concern for the whole child.” Educational services professionals include School Athletic Trainers, Educational Media Specialists, School Counselors, School Nurses, School Therapists and Social Workers, Substance Awareness Coordinators, Reading Specialists, Speech-Language Specialists, and comparable positions.

Nominations are now open, and nomination forms must be addressed to Dr. Robinson’s office and received **no later than Friday, March 9, 2018.**

One individual from each school may be nominated. The eight public schools in Paramus are: Memorial, Midland, Parkway, Ridge Ranch, and Stony Lane Elementary Schools; East Brook and West Brook Middle Schools; and Paramus High School. Any member of the community may nominate a district teacher or educational services professional for the award.

Each nomination must be typed or written legibly and accompanied by supportive statements indicating the reasons for the nomination. Please use the form on the next page. Individuals previously selected for this award are not eligible for recommendation for two years following their selection.

The district will establish a Recognition Selection Panel, including members from each of three groups – teachers, administrators, and parents/guardians (or other Paramus residents). The nine members of this panel are selected by the Paramus Board of Education and the Education Association of Paramus, which represents the teachers of the district.

The following individuals have been recipients of the Recognition Award:

<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>
Marian Kaufmann – Memorial	Kristen Swisher – Memorial	Mary Ellen Baker – Memorial
Michele Higgins – Midland	Michelle Roux – Midland	Catherine Alvarez – Midland
Lori Romaglia – Parkway	Alexis Goggin – Parkway	Cathy Matasker – Parkway
Christopher Lee – Ridge Ranch	Christine Chiaramonte – Ridge Ranch	Cynthia Dugan – Ridge Ranch
Gina Kaider – Stony Lane	Cherylin Zotollo – Stony Lane	Kate Warner – Stony Lane
Robert Karklin – East Brook	Kristin Hoppe – East Brook	Kristi Dreher – East Brook
Patricia O’Keeffe – West Brook	Elizabeth Smerdon – West Brook	Melissa Dowson – West Brook
Kevin Graves – High School	David Allocco – High School	Christine Burt – High School

***Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professionals  
Recognition Program 2017-2018***

**\*\*\* NOMINATION FORM \*\*\***

Name of individual being nominated \_\_\_\_\_ (please type/print)

School/Assignment \_\_\_\_\_ (please type/print)

Support your nomination with any information you feel may help the Recognition Panel make its selection. You may attach additional pages and/or copies of other documents (such as letters, newspaper articles, or notices of commendation) to this application. **Nominations must be typed or written legibly and received no later than Friday, March 9, 2018.**

Mail to: **PARAMUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Recognition Selection Panel  
c/o Office of the Superintendent  
145 Spring Valley Road  
Paramus, New Jersey 07652

\*Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(please type/print)

\*Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(please type/print)

\*Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(please type/print)

\*Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(please type/print)

\*Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(please type/print)

\*Nominator's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(please type/print)

\*Note: An individual or group may nominate a teacher or educational services professional for this award.