**New Jersey**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**2015-16 GOVERNOR’S EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR PROGRAM**

**NOMINATION FORM**

Do you know a **classroom teacher** **or educational services professional** who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person by completing this nomination form and returning it to the building principal by the specified deadline. Administrators, staff members, parents and community members are encouraged to participate.

**Please return this form to the building principal by December 2, 2015** (*leave enough time for the selection process & to register the recipients by January 8, 2016)*

Each candidate will be scored based on the criteria below:

* Have a superior ability to inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
* Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator in a public or charter school;
* Anticipate actively continuing in his/her teaching status for at least five more years;
* Have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues; and
* Demonstrate a strong ability to foster excellence in education as evidenced by ongoing contributions to the improvement of student learning and the learning environment.

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| **NOMINEE INFORMATION** |
| **NAME** |  |
| **SCHOOL** | Orchard Valley Middle School |
| **SCHOOL DISTRICT** | Washington Township Public Schools, Sewell, NJ |
| **CURRENT POSITION** |  |
| **NOMINATOR INFORMATION** |
| **NAME** |  |
| **EMAIL ADDRESS** |  |
| **RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE** |  |
| **NOMINATION** |
| *Please explain why you feel the educator deserves recognition, citing specific examples. Some things to consider: the educator’s methods for meeting student needs, desire for professional growth, community involvement, dedication to the education profession, and rapport with students, parents and staff.* ***The more compelling the response, the better. Therefore, please use as much space as needed below as the form will expand when you type on it. If you would like, you could attach your response separately to this form.*** |